貌一十六百四千九第 No. 9461 日五十二月三年四十緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 51H, 1888. 六年禮 號五月五英港香 PRICE \$25 PER MONTH INTIMATIONS. AUCTION .. BANKS. SHIPPING. NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES. NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES. STANDARD LIFE OFFICE. TT ONGKONG&SHANGHAIBANKING PUBLIC AUCTION. THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL NOTICE. ARRIVALS. ESTABLISHED FOR 62 YEARS. CORPORATION. STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, May 3, PATHAN, British steamer, 1.763, Jas. INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED ..... £6,500,000 MONSIGNEES of ONE LOT ONIONS, Ex LIMITED. PAID-UP CAPITAL .......\$7,500,000 Rowley, Saigon 30th April Rice. - ADAM-ANNUAL INCOME EXCEEDS ..... £ 900,000 O'S. S. Bormida from Bombay, marked CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby notified THIS DAY (SATURDAY). RESERVE FUND ...... 3,900,000 NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. SON, BELL & Co. 2-3 & K are hereby informed that, as the above the 5th day of May, 1888, at Noon, at his RESERVELIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 7,500,000 SECURITY is the chief point to be considered in selecting an Office with May 3, WYVERN, British str., 1,108, J. Brother-FROM LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPOR Goods are rapidly putrefying, they will be ex Steamer's side is now being landed at their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road. SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, unless taken risk and expense into the Hongkorg and Kow-(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.) ton, Bangkok 26th April, Rice.-Tung which to effect a Life Assurance. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS :---THE Company's Steamship delivery of up to the 5th inst., 9 A.M. leon-Wharf and Godown Company's Godown, at THE AMERICAN STEAMER Hon. JOHN BELL-IRVING-Chairman. KEE. STANDARD LIFE OFFICE has stood the tost W. H. FORRES, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
D. Bottomley, Esq. | S. C. Michaelsen, Esq. "BAN PABLO," Kowloon, and unprotected by Fire Insurance. CARLOWITZ & Co., of 62 years and has paid in claims upwards of May 3, BERENICE, Austro-Hungarian steamer, As she lies - Wrooked near Turnabout Island Agents S. S. "BORMIDA." TWELVE MILLIONS STEELING. The Funds having arrived from the above, Ports, Consignees 1,707, E. Perini, Trieste 18th March, and Hongkong, 3rd May, 1888. of the Standard now amount to £6,696,425 and H. L. Dalrymple, Esq. Singapore 26th April, General .- AUSTRO-

the Annual Income exceeds £900.000: HUNGARIAN LLOYD S. S. Co. Prospectuses containing the new and Reduced Bates: Forms of Proposals, &c., may be obtained May 4, PERING, German str. 956, Henermann, Whampon 4th May, General - SIEMSSEN on application to the BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED. Agents, Hongkong. May 4, THYRA, Gorman stuamer, 663, Jacobsen, Whampoa 4th May, General.—SIEMEBEN

SEASON, 1888!! May 4, CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, A George, Saigon 29th April, Rice and Pad-

Iversen, Bangkok 28th May, General,-En. SCHELLHASS & Co. May 4. IPHIGENIA, German steamer, 1,059, P. Voltmer, Kobe 29th May, General, -SIEMS-SEN & Co. SINGLE EBONY TIME GLASSES.

CLEARANCES. AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. 4TH MAY. Lombardy, British str., for Singapore. Formosa, British str., for Swatow. Thyra, German str., for Chefoo. Kwongsang, British str., for Swatow. B. P. Cheney, Amr. ship, for Manila.

dy .- ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

May 4. DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,189,

& Co.

DEPARTURES. May 4, Canton, British str., for Whampos May 4, Kutsang, British str., for Whampos. May 4, FORMOSA, British str., for Tamsui. May 4. Kwongsang, British str., for Tientsin. May 4, LOMBARDY, British str., for Bombay. May 4, PRIAM, British str., for Shanghai.

Passengers.

Per Pathan, str., from Ssigon.-38 Chinese. Per Wyvern, str., from Bangkok.-3 Enropeans, and 50 Chinese. Per Berenice, str., from Trieste, &c .- Mr. Kober, and 412 Chinese, from Singapore. Per Cicero, str., from Saigon.-16 Chinese.

TO DEPART. Per Teheran, str., from Hougkong. For Singapore.-Col. W. R. Craster, R.A., Deputy-Surgeon-General Lewer, A.M.D., Mr. T. Hughes (Staff Engineer), Lieut. Somerville, 16. seamen R.N., Mrs. Lau Chee, Mr. Ah Tack, one amab, two maid servants, one male servant. For Brindisi via Bombay.—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wilcox-For London. Capt. G. R. Atkinson, O.S.D. From Yokohama.—For Colombo.—Mesers. Ken. nedy and Logan. For London.—Messrs. Short and Henrick.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Wyvern, from Bangkok 26th April, reports first part had moderate S.E. winds and fine weather; latter part strong N. breeze and sea with heavy rain.

The British steamer Ciccro, from Saigon 29th April, reports from Cape St. James to 100 miles South of Ladrone Islands light S.E. winds and fine weather; thence to port strong N.E. winds and thick with rain.

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OF FIRMS. NOTICE,

MR. BONIFACIO J. D'AQUINO has This Day been admitted a PARTNER in the WONG-NEY-CHONG DAIRY FARM, WWO ELIGIBLE BUILDING BITES V. DANENBERG. Hongkong, 28th April, 1888.

NOTICE. THAVE This Day admitted Mr. NISSIM L REUBEN & PARTNER in my Business of SHARE AND GENERAL BROKER, which will in future be conducted under the Style or J. SAMUEL. —

daily balances. 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must

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E. W. RUTTER. Manager, Hongkong Branch. Hongkong, 12th March, 1887.

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CLEARANCE SALE. Lyll beg to intimate that owing to th PROVISIONS, &c., &c., at a considerable re duction in prices. Intending Buyers can make Mr. J. M. Armstrong, Auctioneer. very advantageous terms for Cash down.

Amov. February, 1888. ANOTHER NEW & ORIGINAL NOVEL. TAJE have satisfaction in making known to

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Whatever CARGO there may be on Board the

The VESSEL and CARGO will be sold TERMS .- Cash on the fall of the hammer The Vessel and Cargo to be at the risk of the Purchasers on the fall of the hammer. J. M. ARMSTRONG.

PUBLIC AUCTION HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1888.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction. THIS DAY (SATURDAY). the 5th May, 1888, at 2 P.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., the Property of a Gentleman leaving this Colony, comprising:—
English-made CRETONNE COVERED DRAWING and DINING ROOM SUITE &c., MARBLE TOP TABLES, CARD TA-BLES, GILTMIRRORS, PICTURES, OR-NAMENTS, &c., COTTAGE PIANO, by BROADWOOD & SONS DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, SIDEBOARD, WHATNOTS PLATED. CROCKERY, & GLASS WARE. CUTLERY, FILTER, &c., Brass and Iron DOUBLE BEDSTEADS with Spring and Hair Mattress, TEAK WARDROBES with Plate Glass Doors, MARBLE TOP WASH. INGSTAND and SET. DRESSING TA-BLE and GLASS, CARPETS, RUGS, &c., ICE BOX, MEAT SAFE, CHEST OF

DRAWERS, BATHS, &c. ONE FINE MAGIC! LANTERN with SLIDES and Dissolving Views. The above will be on View on FRIDAY TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary

G. R. LAMMERT. Hongkong, 2nd May, 1888 THE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK OWING TO THE

INCLEMENT WEATHER. ALUABLE LEASERULD PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IMMEDIATELY.

TO be Sold by Public Auction pursuant to a Decree of the Supreme Court of Hongkong made in a cause TAMKWAN SHI'v YAU MI HO, No. 42 of 1878, with the approbation of the Acting Chief Justice, by MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG, the person appointed by the said Court upon the respective Premises on the dayshereinafter mentioned, viz :--

ON THURSDAY. the 10th day of May, 1888, at S o'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, In FIVE LOTS, the very VALUABLE BLOCK OF BUILDINGS situate on Marine Let No. 4a, Marine Let No. 125a, and Section Be of Marine Lot No. 4, and in the best and most Control Chinese Product of the Country of the Company at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Country of the Cou Nos. 1 and 2 Cross Street, and Nos. 21, 23, 25, to the contrary be given before Noon TO-27, 29, 31, and 33, Wing Lok Street, and Nos. DAY. 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, and 45. Bonham

ON FRADAY, the 11th day of May, 1888, at

S O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON In SIX LOTS, the VALUABLE PRO PERTY situate on Inland Lot No. 205D in the best part of Hellywood, Road and comprising Nos. 209 and 211, Hellywood Road, and Nos. 1, situate on the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 384, and the THREE HOUSES Nos. 14 16. and 18. Possession Street, situate on Inland. THE Steamship Lot No. 212c, and the Remaining Portion of

Inland Lot No. 212s. ON SATURDAY. the 12th day of May, 1888, at S O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOOM.

In ONE LOT, a Piece of Vacant GROUND registered as Inland Lot No. 472 and situate at Bowrington between Matheson and Percival Applicants should send Testimonials to Streets and suitable for the erection of Kerosine

The SAKE PLANS can be seen at the Office of Messrs. Wotton & Deacon, Solicitors, and at Mr. J. M. Armstrong, the Auctioneer. PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of SALE may be obtained on application at the Offices of Messrs. WOTTON & DEACON, Solicitors, Hongkong; of Mesers. Caldwell & Wilkinson, Solicitors, Hongkong; of Mr. Ewens, Bolicitor, Hongkong of Mr. WEBBER, Solicitor, Hongkong, and o Dated this 12th day of April, 1888.

ALFRED G. WISE. Acting Registrar of the-Supreme Court. Hongkong, 13th April, 1888. PUBLIC AUCTION.

TINDER instructions received from the Mortgagees, Mr. H. N. Mody will Sel THURSDAY, the 17th May, 1888, at 4 o'CLOCK P.M.,

at the Premises. ALL THAT Valuable Piece of GROUND situate at BELCHEE'S BAY, LAP SAP WAN, Honekong, abutting on the North Side thereof, on Belcher's Street, and measuring thereon 200 feet, on the South Side thereof on Portion of Inland Lot No. 905 and measur ing thereon 200 feet, on the East on Davies Street, and measuring thereon 200 feet, and on the West on Cadegan Street, and measuring thereon 200 feet, containing in the whole 40,000 square feet, and registered in the Land Office as Section A OF INLAND Lor No. 905. Together with the FUR-NACE, WORKSHOPS, & BUILDINGS thereon, lately used and occupied by the HONGRONG AND MACAO GLASS MANU-FACTURING COMPANY, as they now stand and which said piece of Ground is held for the residue of a term of 990 years subject

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1883. HONGKONG CLUB. TAT ANTED-A LIBRARIAN. Apply by letter to the SECRETARY. Hongkong, 1st May, 1888.

delivery may be obtained.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ABNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, 30th April, 1888.

FROM SOURABAYA, SAMARANG, BA. TAVIA, AND SINGAPORE. THE Company's Steamship

"DEVONHURST. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkoug, 2nd May, 1888. INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATIO COMPANY, LIMITED. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND

"TAISANG." having arrived from the, above ports, Consignous

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 28th April, 1888.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that

Strand. Owing to the favourable situation of have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining this Property the Owner or Owners thereof after the 4th May, will be subject to rent at the can always count upon securing good Tenants. | rate of one cent per package per day. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 4th May, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

> Agents. Hongkong, 28th April, 1888. FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

"GLENSHIEL." having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the S. S. Erim, from New York, are hereby informed that their goods, are being landed at their risk into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence Cargo remaining undelivered after the 5th

May will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 28th April, 1888.

GERMAN BARK "LOUISE," CAPTAIN T. F Köhne. FROM HAMBURG.

ONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

SIEMSSEN & Co., Hongkong, 1st May, 1888. TOCONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO

CHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 5th inst. for shipment per steamer "ANTENOR." BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it

pe subject to Rent. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents. Hongkong, 1st May, 1888. GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS

FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND

SINGAPORE.

TIME Steamship "GLENGYLE,"

instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, lat May, 1888.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S. S. "NEW GUINEA," FROM HAMBURG AND SINGAPORE ONSIGNEES of Cargo archereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 6th have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

All Claims against the steamer must be preinst., or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1888.

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Praya East FROM 1st MAY, 1888. LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Hongkoug, 12th April, 1888.

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TO LET. COMMODIOUS SUIT OF OFFICES A in the ICE HOUSE BUILDINGS. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON. 3, Praya Central.

Houskong, 23rd March, 1888. TONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS Goods received on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in First-class Godowns. STEAMER CARGOES discharged on favourable terms. Also Entire GODOWNS to LET.

Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, 2nd July, 1887,

TO LET. ODOWN, WANCHAI ROAD, 133. Apply to PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, 6th April, 1888.

TO BE LET. SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE in Rich-A. MOND TERRACE containing 6 Comport-A New Story has just been added to the

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HOUSE in the Town, and also ONE at a little distance. A PORTION of "BEACONSFIELD ARCADE. An OFFICE in Bank Buildings. "BREEZY POINT," Possession on the lat-"BISNEE VILLA," PORFOLUM. GODOWNS at Bownington.

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YO. 6. WEST TERRACE: presently occupied by the REV. W. JENNINGS. G. C. ANDERSON 13, Praya Central. Hongkong, 26th April, 1888.

MOUNT KELLET-THE PEAK. TO LET UNFURNISHED. FOUR-ROOMED BUNGALOW with A THREE BATHROOMS, DEVING ROOM, &c. Apply to Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 9th March, 18:8. TO LET. TOOMS IN "COLLEGE CHAMBERS." GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIBE

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from the 1st August.

Central, 13. STOLTERFOHT & HIRST. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1888. TAI

has always on hand LARGE STOCKS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION OF FOR SALE AT A MODERATE PRICE, No. 85, PRAYA CENTRAL. INGTALA

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NOTICE.

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respectfully informed that, if upon their nrrival in this Harbour, none of the Company's Foremen should be at hand, orders for repairs if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central will receive prompt attention. In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned are being landed at their risk into the Godowns is requested, when immediate steps will be taken D. GILLIES.

> Hongkong, 6th August, 1885. DRALER IN EUROPEAN GOODS. Has for Sale all Sorts of WINES, SPIRITS, month will be Charged.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "ZAMBESI," FROM KORE that the Balance of the Cargo undelivered

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, 4th May, 1888.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FROM TRIESTE, ADEN, BOMBAY. COLOMBO, PENANG, & SINGAPORE. BERENICE, undelivered after the Sth inst., will be subject in connection with the S. S. Medea from Cal-

cutta and Madras, having arrived from the shove Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed sented to the undersigned on or before the 8th that their Goods, with the exception of Opium. are being landed at their risk into the Godowns known as "The Hongkong Wharf and Godowns," Wanchai, whence delivery may be

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods. have left the Godowns, and all claims must be cent in to the Undersigned BEFORE NOON, ON THE 10TH (NSTANT, OR THEY WILL NOT BE

Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 17th

O. BACHRACH, Hongkong, 4th May, 1888.

MARITIMES FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND

Captain Mace, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 10th instant. G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

BREWER HAS JUST RECEIVED A New Stock of Oleographs, large and small. A very Fine English Trichord Plane, by Kirkman, the 1st prize winner at Industrial Exhibition.

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> WALTER W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONS HOTEL. TO LET.

Apply to BELILIOS & Co. Hongkong, 5th May, 1888.

TOUSE No. 1, "CAMERON VILLAS," Peak.

mence on MONDAY, the 7th instant, at NEW PUPILS will be entered on SATUR-DAY, the 5th instant, of 10 A.M. C. J. BATEMAN,

Heati Master.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. SILVER SPOON COMPETITION.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1889.

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A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED. TOTICE is hereby given that the ORDIN-ARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Hongrong Dispensary, on MON-DAY, the 14th day of May next, at 3 o'clock IN THE AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Account to the 31st December, 1887. The REGISTER OF SHARES will be

till MONDAY, the 14th instant, both days inclusive; during which period no Transfer of Bhares can be registered. JOHN WILLMOTT. Acting Secretary.

CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 5th inst.,

TWEEDE OPROEPING. RACHTENS beschikking der Nederlandsche Consulaire Rechtbank voor Hiogo-Osaka van 1 Maart, 1888, wordt hiermede opgeroepen, HENRI JOHAN HUBENET, lastst gedomicilieerd te Hiogo doch nu afwezend, om te verschijnen voor bovengenoemde Rechtbank

Voorzitter. Hiogo, 2nd March, 1887. THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

YOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING BOMBAY COTTON, and COTTON YARN at the Kowloon Wharves will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 cents per Bale per ISAAC HUGHES.

Firm of SAMUEL & REUBEN. Hougkong, 1st May, 1888.

J. S. Moses, Esq. L. Possnecker, Esq. N. A. Siche, Esq. E.A. Solomon, Esq. Hon. A. P. McEwen. CHICK MANAGER.

Hongkong-THOMAS JACKSON, ESQ. MANAGER. Shanghai-Ewen Cameron, Esq. LONDON BANKERS-LONDON & COUNTY BANK,

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DULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK. 1.—The business of the above Bank will conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises Hongkong. Business hours on week-days,

NOTICE.

to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year. 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest. 4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent, per NEXT.
annum will be allowed to Depositors on their The allowed.

not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China. 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,

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TESSES. C. GERARD & Co., of Amoy. CLOSING OF BUSINESS, they are offering the Balance of their Stock, consisting of SHIP-CHANDLER STORES, FANCY GOODS

New Story by WILKIE COLLINS, univer- by Public Auction, on

on 14th April 1888.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1888. DORTLAND CEMENT HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.

of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the Undersigned before

NOON, on the 6th May, or they will not be No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any May will be subject to rent. Optional cargo will be forwarded unl notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVI GATION COMPANY, LIMITED:

on the SECOND FLOOR of our Office having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their suitable for OFFICES. Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 9th instant, will be subject to rent.

\*SINGAPORE. THE Company's Steamer

of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods, are being landed at their risk into the godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

— Cargo—remaining—undelivered—after—the 5th May will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. HE Steamship FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS

delivery may be obtained.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once [743 landed and stored at Consignees' risk and ex-

> EX O. S.S. CO.'S S.S. "PRIAM," FROM LIVERPOOL.

will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be FRESH ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 2nd instant. Goods undelivered after the 7th instant, will

having arrived from the above Ports, Consigness of cargo by her and by the S. S. Canada, from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction. Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 P.M., TO-DAY. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 8th 30

> PROVISIONS, OILMAN'S STORES, TEA. REFINED SUGAR, &c., &c. No. 11, LYNDHURST TERRACE.

THE Steamship

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS. YOKOHAMA. THE Company's Steamer

Hougkong, 5th May, 1888.

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Treatise on Mine Surveying by Brough. Thompson's Electricity and Magnetism.

New Birthday Cards. Great variety of Photo Albums, vary cheen Great variety of Photo Frames.

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL TITHE MIDSUMMER TERM will Com-

OPEN'TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. SILVER SPOON will be SHOT for

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Honorary Secretary. Hongkong, 4th May, 1888. GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. WARDMASTER is required at the

Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1888.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1888.

op den Isten Juni, 1888. Nederlandsche Consulaire Rechtbank, CHS. BRAESS.

Secretary. Hongkong, 8th November, 1

to date, and is again much increased in bulk. DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.

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Hougkong, 2nd March, 1887.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS. All letters for publication should be written on Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should he sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication After hat hour the supply i limited. TELEPHONE No. 12.

MARRIAGE. On the 28th April, at the Catholic Cathodral, by the Very Rev. Father Burghignoli, J. M. GUTTERREZ, the Colonial Secretary's Office, to CANILLA M. D'ALMADA E CASTRO, eccond- daughter of the late J. M. D'Almada e Castro.

HONGKONG, MAY 5TH, 1888.

entirely different footing. By the Agree- to trade. mitted to the Chinese Government.

people to buy, and (2) on the facilities which | Nanning, both cities of the first rank in the chases which they require. To any one who | the purpose. Wuchow is by far the more has travelled in the interior of the country important, because it is the point where the the capacity is apparent; in the remotest trade of its province converges, and, what Imperial Maritime Customs show how wide- other hand, while it has the advantage of for supplying these wants? The facilities, rocky nature of the river bed west of Wuif such a term may be employed, consist in chow, unattainable by steamer, and therefore the permission to land foreign goods at some of little value as a distributing point for dues, from all internal taxation till they British enterprise generally in Southern have reached the hands of the actual con- China. sumers. Goods cannot be consigned under transit pass to a whole province; some place in the province; that is to say, some been appointed Resident-Superior at Hanoi. commercial centre, must be stated as their destination. As far as that centre they are free from taxation; but immediately they leave it they are liable to every local tax, so that the ultimate price proves together prohibitory to the more numerous or poorer

classes. It will naturally be asked, is there no remedy for this state of things? Three ways of dealing with these obstructions to trade may be mentioned. There are :-

1,-A thorough revision of the inland taxation of China and the establishment of fixed tariffs. This will be met by the statement that a fixed tariff of inland taxation already exists. This is perfectly true; but leaves here to-day by the Teheran for Penang those conversant with trade in China know full well that outside the Imperial Maritime Customs no fixed tariff is ever adhered to and that very much more than the fixed amount is frequently exacted. This is no exaggeration : the writer has seen goods decause the owner was unwilling to pay the "squeezes" demanded in addition to the that, even if a revision were obtained, abuses

would cease to exist. 2.—An expansion of the Transit Pass sys- occasion arises.

rules regulating the issue of Transit Passes with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 14th ultimo, has arrived at Yokohama, and will sail a certain place in a province must be insert- for this port to-day. ed as the destination of the goods. This means a distributing centre beyond which Royal Svo., pp. 1,200.....\$5.00. should be inserted in the pass and should sold in their con SMALLER EDITION, Ryl. Svo., pp. 816.....\$3.00. free goods from taxation throughout that thing about it." province merits the attention of foreign Gohas been thoroughly revised and brought up vernments, and would prove a real remedy the officers of the 2nd Northamptonshire Regi-

trade in China. consuming districts. The merchant, situated as he at present necessarily is at a great distance from the centres of consumption, is transit pass to a certain well known dis- sengers on board, went ashore on Red Island, tributing centre beyond which they are She is described as having her bow well on the mulcted by the tax stations. He is unable shore her keel being plainly visible. The steamto discover the exact points at which the Agenta-A. S. Watson & Co., Hongkong. [317] goods are wanted, and is consequently unable lightened, and it was expected she would get off to take out a number of transit passes to at the next tide. cover small lots. Were be in the vicinity he would be able to obtain this information

and to act upon it. China trade generally will enable the reader point of leaving, that he greatly desired leave to follow more readily the application to anything that would not be sterile or merely pro-Southern China-the provinces of Kwang- visional until he had seen the Ministers. M. tung, Kwangsi, and Yunnan. The proximity Constans has taken a young elephant with him of the French, by the annexation of Tonquin, to these three provinces has naturally for Thursday next, the 10th inst., at 9 p.m. The aroused the British merchant to the danger following is the programme:which threatens his present share of the trade of Southern China; and there can be no doubt that, unless some counterbalancing Solo... advantage is conceded so as to admit of fair competition, the facilities granted to France by the Constans Treaty will do much to supplant British enterprise in Kwangsi and Eastern Yunnan. It has been stated in the 24 House of Commons that instructions have the Chinese Government as to the opening Delays are dangerous, however, and it would be well to bear in mind that

it is exceedingly difficult to induce trade to will not lovel the numerous Alpine ranges As the question of the feasibility of navigat- the nearest commercial centre in Western ing the waters of the Upper Yangtsze seems | Yunnan, nor will they help to bridge the nearing solution, it may be well to turn to deep ravines along which flow the Salwen Southern China and see what advantages, if and the Mekong. No. The trade between any, would accrue to foreign trade from the Burmah and Western China will increase opening of the only other river in China when emigrants from Szechuen take up the Borneo, in his report for 1887, thus remarks upon purse, which contained fifty dollars. This was capable of steam-navigation to any con- waste lands in the south of that province siderable extent the Canton or West River, and in Northern, Central, and Western Yun. the value of land. This applies to the town and dook were among the number who assaulted Although these two rivers cannot be com- nan. The railway scheme of Mesers Con- suburban lands in Sandakan, and the tobacco me. The first defendant led the attack. The pared as regards size or trading capacity, QUHOUN and HALLETT may be left out of pared as regards size or trading capacity, queous and Hallett may be left out of ly lots having been offered for sale in the latter for personally beat me. I was account until the flow of emigration bas but this advance chiefly affects the frontage lets, badly burt in the struggle. I have no marks, tween Portugal and China has at last been manufactures, and is, to a certain extent, the sion-demanding improved means of commu-

the north bank of the Yangteze a thousand Southern China lies, as stated above, in the miles from the sea, was made an open port, proximity of the new French possessions to and permission was given to navigate as far the consuming centres of Kwangsi and Eastas Chungking, four hundred miles above ern Yunnan, which have hitherto drawn that point, whereas the question of the navi-their foreign supplies from Conton and Pakgation by steamers of the West River above hoi, but which are now, in point of time at Canton has only recently been officially sub- least, nearer to Haiphong than to Hongkong. To balance this it has been suggested that a The development of foreign trade with port on the West River should be opened to China depends (1) on the capacity of the foreign trade and two places, Wuchow and the consumers possess of making the pur- province of Kwangsi, have been named for provinces foreign goods of various descrip- of still greater moment to foreign trade, it tions are in demand, while the returns of the can be reached by steamer. Nanning, on the ly distributed and how great are the wants greater proximity to the centres which will of the people. What, then, are the facilities be supplied from Tonquin, is, owing to the nineteen points in China, where they are at foreign goods. The aim of the British merfirst muleted in an import duty, and there- chant should be to supply the province of after, if carried about, they are subjected to Kwangsi, which can be done with the greatest a variety of taxes which in reality strangle advantage only when Wuchow has been dotrade. It will be said, however, that the clared an open port. The east of Yunnan Transit Pass system has given the coup de may well be left to the Red River and grace to internal taxation. But much as Yangtsze routes. The British Government, Transit Passes have helped to develop trade considering the many concessions they have -and there can be no question of the made to China of late years-concessions for fact, as far at least as Central and Western | which no equivalents bave been obtained-Chinaare concerned-they have failed in their should have very little difficulty in attaining main object, namely, the freeing of goods, the desired end, and the sooner it is attained after they have paid the tariff and transit the better will it be for British trade and

> A Havas telegram states that M. Parreau bas Singapore is to have its "Leap year dance, given by the Ladies' Lawn Tennis Club.

The Superintendent informs us that the P. & O. Extra steamer Kashqar, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 3rd inst. for this port.

The Agents (Messrs. D. Sassom, Sons & Co. inform us that the steamer Japan, from Calcutta, left Singapore on Thursday for this port. We observe from a Penang contemporary that

Governor Sir Cool Smith, visiting a school, replied in Chinese to an address presented to him. It is reported that beri beri is making many victims amongst the European ladies in Acheen and many are leaving on account of the terrible

epread of the plague. Deputy Surgeon-General Lewer, principal medical officer, China and Straits Settlements, on his annual tour of inspection.

The German gunboat Wolf arrived at Singa pore from Hongkong on the 26th April, and will await there a relief crow from Germany, and also the arrival of the German Squadron from Japan.

The stay of the outward bound P. and O. steamer at Singapore, which has hitherto been tained at the tax stations in the interior be- twenty-four hours, has by agreement between the Company and the Post Office, approved by the Chamber of Commerce, been reduced, and will now be regulated by the time at which the vessei fixed scale. There is little hope, therefore, arrives. A table has been drawn up on the basis that the stay in port shall comprise a portion of the business day sufficient to allow of letters and papers being opened and reposted custwards when

tom. As stated above, according to the . The P. M. steamer City of Rio de Janeiro,

A native paper at Singapore, in the course of an article on the Gambling Ordinance, disposes Charlottenburg yesterday. The Emperor was these goods are liable to be taxed. The of the Manila lottery as follows :- "As to the able to rise and receive Her Majesty. Later in establishment of a rule whereby the name of Manila lettery, it was owing to the various the day the Queen and the Empress drove to countries pitying the poverty of the Manila a province and not of a place in a province Covernment that they allowed the tickets to be Berlin in an open carriage to visit the Empress should be inserted in the pass and should sold in their countries, and we need not say any- Downger, the crowds cheering.

By kind permission of Colonel Anderson and for many of the obstructions which at pre- Gardens to-morrow, the 6th inst., from 9 till sent hamper the development of foreign 10 p.m. The following is the programme:-March ...... " Alexandra Palaco" ... " Fingal's Cave" ...... Mendelssohn. Overtoro..... Mozart.

The steamer Namkiang, Captain McKechnie which-left Singapore at midnight on the 25th obliged to send his goods in bulk under April, bound for Penang with 550 Chinese pastug Bangkok was sent to her assistance, but she promote the objects of the National League. had not been got off on the 27th. She was being

M. Constans, according to the Saigon Real publicain, intends to return to Cochin-Chinin September. Before his departure he received a telegram from the Ministry asking him to These remarks on the development of the remain, but he replied that he was just on the and that, moreover, it was impossible for him to do,

Mr. Sangstera' tonth Organ Recital is fixed Andante ... (3rd Piano Forte Sonata-Opus No. 3)

(Mr. Wm. E. Crow.)

Recit and Solo ... But the Lord is mindful of his own Let the bright Scraphim (Samson) ..... Storm Fantasia ..... Lemmens We (Singapore Free Press) understand that Mr. William Hood Treacher, the late Governor

been sent to the British Minister to sound of British North Borneo, has been offered and has accepted a post in Perak as Secretary to trip in the South of France. the Government of Perak. Up to the preof the West River; but as yet nothing de- sent. Perak has been under a Resident and finite seems to have been arrived at. It may Assistant Resident; the latter, Mr. C. V. Creagh, has replaced Mr. Treacher in North be that the British Government are un- Borneo, and a new post has been substituted, willing to press this matter until some ar- that of Secretary to the Government, a position, rangement has been come to in reference we conclude, kindred to that of Colonial Secretary in Crown Colonies. Mr. Treacher thus reverts to the trade between Burmah and Wes- to a position under the Colonial Office, which tern China and between India and Thibet. lent his services to the North Borneo Company

once a groove has been established in China evening a case, purporting by bill of lading to contain silk piece goods, was landed from a tongkong at the jetty. It was marked H M M and leave it. Moreover, many years must elapse was from Hongkong per steamer Stura, one of Ying rice shop in Hongkong. On the 28th called for a bottle of lemonade, for which I was before the trade between Burmah and West- the Rubattino line. On being opened it was April my consin arrived in Hongkong from | mulcted to the extent of 25 cents. This, in my ern China will compare with the trade con- found to contain boxes, regularly packed, con- the country. On the Soth April a man opinion, is coming it too strong altogether. ducted along the West River. All the trade sed paper. The consignees of the steamer, Messrs. Half an hour afterwards four men came to my you must do as Rome does; but I for one like Conventions and Regulations in the world Frederich and Co., repudiate any claim against shop—the three defendants and another. They some semblance of fair dealing, which I feel corside in good condition. The loss therefore will let them. The second defendant said "If you won't syndicate is formed.-Yours truly, that lie between the borders of Burmah and fall upon the boatman, who will be heldresponsi- allow me to take away this man. I will give you a ble by the consignee, Hajoe Nonsu. An attempt | thrashing." I still refused, and they went away. was made by the boutman to charge the man in I wentout in the afternoon to visit a fokiand on my charge of the tongkong at the time with theit, way I met the second defendant and eight other but on enquiry, the Police declined to take up | men. When the first defendant came up he the case, the fraud being so evident.

the advancing value of land :- I take the pre- when I was on the ground. The money was lands in Murudu Bay. The first developed sudden- third defendant also beat me. The second de - rival of the Yangtezo for the trade of East nication. A trade cannot spring up of its ing in value, and may be accepted as worth 50 to my body. One of them was the third defendant. tern Yunnan. They are, however, on an own accord; there must first be somebody to 100 per cent more than they were at the end When I called out "save life." the Police ment of Cherco of 1876, Ichang, a town on The real danger to British enterprise in timber trade, the development of the tobacco shop. I had also on my person at the time \$55 enterprise, and the steadily advancing prosperity in notes. These were not taken.

of British North Borneo on the 16th February. under a sainte of seventem guns. After the On the 30th April one of my clausmen saw -Mr. Crocker and contiemen, I thank you very and took me to first witness. much for your attendance here to day to witness now living in my cousin's rice shop. my installation as Governor of this territory. I I came on shore on the 25th inst. am sure that I shall always have the loyal assist- about 7 p.m. I was accompanied on shore by ance and support of the members of this Coun- the second defendant. I had been speaking with cil, and the other officers of Government, in the him on the vessel telling him what I came to With the assistance which I confidently expect for my uncle, and told me that he would take me from the heads of the different Departments and to him. I entrusted myself to his care and he carry out faithfully the wishes of the Court I or views of any particular individual or class.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY FRESS." LONDON, 2nd May. THE CHINESE IN AUSTRALIA.

The Chinese expelled from Melbourne have returned to Hongkong. ACCIDENT DURING ARTILLERY

PRACTICE. Several persons have been injured by the explosion of a dynamite shell at Artillery practice.

THE HEALTH OF THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY. His Majesty Emperor Frederick is in m the same state of health, but is languid.

LONDON, 2nd May. MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT: ADMIRAL

RYDER AND THE ITALIAN HEIR. APPARENT DROWNED. Admiral Ryder has fallen into the Thames

and was drowned together with the Prince of His Royal Highness Victor Emmanuel, Prince of Naples, was not only Heir Apparent to the throne of Italy but was the only child of King Humbert. The Prince was born on the 11th November, 1869, and was therefore in his

nineteenth year. His uncle Prince Amadeus, Duke of Aosta, who for three years reigned as elected King of Spain, is now Heir Apparent. He was born in 1845, is a widower and has three sons, the eldest of whom, Prince Emmanuel, is some ten months older than his unfortunate cousin.

Admiral Sir Alfred Phillipps Ryder, K.C.B., was an Admiral of the Fleet, and was universally liked and respected not only in the service but on every station where he has served. He commanded the British Squadren in China waters as Vice-Admiral from March, 1875, to October, 1877, when he was succeeded by Vice-Admiral Hillyar.-Ep. D. P.]

GREECE AND TUKKEY. Cretan affairs are causing tension between Greece and Turkey. GENERAL BOULANGER ON HIS

DEFENCE. General Boulanger denies that he has aggressive policy. THE TWO THOUSAND-GUINEAS The following is the result of the running

for the Two Thousand Guiness :---

FROM SINGAPORE PAPERS. BERLIN, 25th April.

THE QUEEN IN GERMANY. The Queen of England, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, arrived at

LONDON, 27th April. Prince Bismarck had an hour's interview with Her Majesty.

BERLIN, 25th April. THE EMPEROR'S HEALTH. The semi-official North German Gazette is steadily falling.

LONDON, 26th April. LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR IRELAND.

Mr. J. L. Carew's Bill for Local Self-Government in Ireland was rejected by eighty-six votes in the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour opposing it on the ground that it was calculated to LONDON, 27th April.

THE DUTIES ON BOTTLED WINE. In the House of Commons the duty on bottled wine was adopted by a large majority, Mr. Gozchen refuting Mr. Gladstone's contention that the duty was nothing less than Protection. The French have taken umbrage.

HAVAS TELEGRAMS.

PARIS, 19th April. THE FRENCH CHAMBER. In the Chamber of Deputies the Government was interpollated on its home policy. debate concluded by a vote of confidence in the Government, carried by 379 votes to 177.

Paris, 24th April. In the Chamber of Deputies the Covernmen was interpellated on the appointment of Civilian as Minister for War. The debate concluded by a vote of confidence in the

THE LEAGUE OF PATRIOTS. The League of Patriots has dissolved.

- PARIS, 25th April PRESIDENT CARNOT. The President of the Republic has left for a

> POLICE COURT 4th May.

BEFORE ME. H. E. WODEHOUSE.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AND ROBBERY. Le A Po. Chan Tak Ching, Chan Afook, and Wing Wo Tat were charged with being concerned, with others not arrested, in assaulting The Penang Gazette says :- On Wednesday and robbing Chuk Tai Man of a \$50 note at cate starting a Hotel in this City. I am not sur-

Mr. Wotton appeared for the prosecution. caught hold of my queue dragged me to the ground, and kicked me, while the others beat me The Commissioner of Lands in British North with their fiets. During the souffle I missed my sent opportunity to note the great advance in in one note. The whole of the three men in the or those on Wharf Street and First Street. but am suffering a great deal of pain. Iwo of Sandakan surburban lands are steadily advano- the men who stenck, me used from bars about

Won Ta Po said-I am a farm labourer of Mr. C. V. Creagh was installed as Governor I came alone. When I got to Hongkoug I was pointed to fix the line of demarcation. detained for five days in a shop by defendants. reading of the commission His Excellency said: me on board a steamer bound for Singapore responsible duties which I have now undertaken. Hongkong for. He knew I was going to look the experience which I have gained during a took me to Kwong Leong We boarding house, long period of service under distinguished where I stayed for five days. During that time I Statesmen and Chiefs in India and the Colonies saw the man who had taken me to the house trust that I may be able to administer the several times. I asked him where my uncle was, Government to the satisfaction of the public and he told me that he had not time to go and and the Company and follow in the wake of search for him. He would not let me go out of the efficient and popular officer whom I am the house. On the 30th April he beat me and interests without undue regard to the interests, let the second defendant take me to the Singapore steamer several times. He made me

> detained in the house but myself. My clausman's name is Took Yi Man. When he got me away prevent me from going. Ker Singh, P.C. 698, said-On the 30th inst. I sawa disturbance opposite No. 5 Police Station. I went up and saw first defendant strike complainant in the face with his closed fist. I then arrested the first defendant. I do not know anything about the second and third defendants.

There were several men present. Did not see any one else strike complainant. P.Cs. 250 and 310 corroborated the above first defendant was brought into the Charge Room in oustody. The complainant charged him with assault and robbery of a \$50 note. He also pointed out the second defendant, who was in the

from his forehead and nose, and had a big bruise on his forehead. His clothes were covered with The prisoners said nothing.

His Worship then bound the whole of them was in addition fined \$10, or in default 14 days imprisonment with hard labour. Mr. Wotton, on behalf of the complainant,

said that he protested against the action of the Magistrate in binding a respectable merchant of some standing over to keep the peace, when there was not one icts of evidence to point to any conclusion but the one that he had been most violently assaulted, and when in addition there was no case against him. His client was a complainant and not a defendant, and he would ask his Worship to reconsider his decision with regard to the complainant. His Worship refused to reconsider his de-

Pan Shat, a shop coolie, was charged on the information of Lok Kwei, master of a passage boat, with stealing two pieces of cloth of the value of \$3.80, the property of the Tak Shang shop, on the 3rd-inst., at Yaumati. The charge was admitted, and prisoner wa sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

LABCENY. Born Bux, a watchman, with stealing a lamp, valued at \$1, the property of the Dook Company at Hung Ham, in this Colony, on the 3rd inst. The defendant admitted the charge, and was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment with

CARRYING UNCERTIFICATED OFFICERS. Lo Chon Sing, master of the Tong Hing steam-launch, was charged by James Larkin with allowing his steam-launch to ply in the waters of moon.

the colony with uncertalicated men managing her. Defendant pleader uilty, and was fined \$50.

BEF TING LEGAL FARE. For refusing a legal fare on the 26th ult. at Hongkong, two licensed chair bearers were

ALLEGED INTIMIDATION. The first case connected with the purse-makers guild was resumed. Mr. Mossop defended the four prisoners-Hing Sing Leung, Ah Kow, Chong Chan, and

The cross-examination of the witnesses for the complainant was entered upon. Tong Tsat said-I am not a member of guild. I have heard of the Sing Puk Ton. That is a purse-makers' guild. I am a pursemaker and a member of the guild. more hopeful about the Emperor. The fever is Wong Sang is an assistant in my shop. He is not a member of the purse-makers' guild. He has been living in my shop for about ten days. Before he came to live with me he had not been living in the Sing Fuk Ton house. Ho had been living in the Mo Kee shop. I have not guaranteed to the Sing Fuk Ton the rent he owes them. Wong Sang told me that he was

not a member of the guild. Wong Sang said-My master is a member this Act," Section 9 reads, " are personal and of the guild. The men that came to our shop not transferable, and a transfer or attempted came to my master for 20 cents. This was transfer shall be deemed to be a cancellation and money owed to the guild for subscriptions. They did not ask him for \$2 in addition. They asked me for that. I never lived at the guild house. My master never guaranteed the rent of my tion, to a penalty of two hundred dollars, or to lodging there to the men. Ever since I have been employed in our shop my master has been a member of the guild. I do not know how long he had been a member before I came.

Wong Kee, P.C. 227, said-On Saturday, the 28th April, at 11 a.m., I was on duty in Hollywood Road. The complainant came to me and told me that some men had been snatching his goods.

and asked me to go and arrest the men. I went pect, and will be a beginning of the more radithere to East-street. I then arrested two of the defendants there. The second one gave me. some trouble. I had to chase him. They said that the complainant owed them money and that they had only gone to the shop to demand it When I saw the shop it was in confusion, look ing as if everything had been turned upside down. Yep Aching, P.C. 271, said-On the 2n inst., at 5 p.m., complainant told me to arrest two men whom he charged with having taken part in the assault on the 28th April. I arrested them. Pock Tei said-I am purse-maker in the Ying Chen shop. I have been there for two months I was in the shop at the time the defendants were there. They came and snatched our purses, because we would not join their guild.

CORRESPONDENCE

9.30 s.m. to-day.

At this point an adjournment was made till

not hold ourselves responsible for the opinion expressed by our Correspondents.

HONGKONG HOTELS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS." SIR -- I see from your issue of the 2nd inst that there is a probability of an English syndi

prised at this appoundement, for the charges at present are simply extertionate. As an instance, Chuck Li Man said-I am master of Wong yesterday I entered one of these hotels and taining in place of silk piece goods, pieces of fold- named Cho Alun brought my cousin to my shop. is all very well to say that when you go to Rome the ship, as the package was, delivered over the wanted to take my cousin away, but I refused to tain will be brought about if the projected

ANTI-BARABBAS.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1888. Possibly the bar boy saw that Anti-Barabbas was a stranger, and took him in according The charge for lemonade, we believe, is twelve cents.--ED. D. P.]

MACAO.

I FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

ratified. A tolegram from H. E. Senhor Reza. rity afforded to owners by the success of the ground. L brought the \$50 out from my rice that we are to retain possession of all the places we cao up to the Barrier, the Island of Tains, and China. I came to Hongkong on the 25th inst. Colowan. A Commission will have to be up- is no country in the world, possessing any sem-

The old silly custom of sending a special tran When been ordered to this place bringing, to our shame be it said, 13 officers, 12 sergeants, and 48 men is all the contingent for Macao. Just fancy the ridiculous sight of the large number of officers commanding 48 men! What we are ornanted to do with these rallant gentlemen I am at a loss to understand. The only bear a fair share of the expense incurred for way, of making them useful would be to their benefit. It is not a question of money but detail them to the Police Force, otherwise they would only be idling in the Barracks. The transport will take back the officers and men the people. now composing the garrison. Commandant

now relieving. I shall always endeavour to took me on board a steamer going to Singapore. Silvano and Senhora Silvano will also leave by When I got on the steamer I saw a clausman, the same conveyance. They will be much missed and to do what I think right in the public who took me to my uncle's house. I refused to here, where, during their stay, they have endeared themselves to a large circle of friends by go by benting me. When I was in the their amiable and courteous manners. The boarding house I had a man told off to watch Africa is expected here some time next month; me the whole time. There was nebody else she is coming by way of Mozambique, where she is to embark 100 men to form the garrison of from the ship, the defendants did not try to Timor. The reinforcements sent from this colony to Timor last year will also return home by the Africa. They are expected here this month by one of your Australian liners. H. E. Governor Costa and suite are also coming by

> Whilst on the subject of garrison from home. I cannot help expressing an opinion that it is a ON BOMBAY,useless maste of public money to send men from the Metropolis, as Colonel Ferreira can very Sergeant Jones said-At 5.50 p.m. the well look after the protection of Macao with the number of men composing the Police Force and the 150 Indians recently imported.

For some time past a large number of old Charge Room, as one of the men who assaulted boats have taken their fixed moorings in the him. Complainant was bleeding a good deal Inner Harbour for the habitation of their owners, thereby forming quite a little town. Having regard to the proverbial filthy customs of the Chinese, this little town has been declared Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limitedby the Sanitary Board to be a focus of over, with the complainant, to keep the peace for six weeks in sureties of \$50. The first defendant colony. H. E. the Acting Governor has therefore ordered their removal, and notice has accordingly been given them to leave the place within a month. This is a right step, as our summer is fast approaching, when the epidemic of cholera might probably break out in their midst and spread throughout the colony. It is vaguely rumoured that this dread disease has already made its appearance amongst Chinese at

Patane, but the officials have no knowledge of it. China Fire Insurance Company's Shares-\$74 thing serious need be expected to come of it We are to have a theatrical performance this evening at the D. Pedro V. Theatro, given by some of Mr. Hambling's pupils. Unfortunately the weather presents a gloomy appearance. A marriage in high life is announced to take place on Sunday, the 6th instant. The bride is

Miss Merlinde Maria de Senna Fernandes, the pretty daughter of Sr. Commendador Senna Fernandes, and the lucky groom is Br. Carlos Augusto Pale d'Assumpçae, second son of Er. Wong Wo was charged, on the information Commendador Pais d'Assumpção, Secretary to the Finance Department. The clite of Macao society of the most pompous ever celebrated here. The positions and wealth of the parents are a good guarantee that nothing will be wanting to reader it so, and it only remains for me to wish the happy couple the enjoyment of a pleasant hency-

EXCLUSION OF CHINESE FROM HAWAII.

The Hawaiian Gazette of the 28th February

One of the best things that the extra session | of the present Legislature did was to pass the law rostricting the travel of Chinese to and From this Kingdom The salient points of this measure are embodied in the "Regulations" just issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, with the concurrence of the Cabinet. Any A. S. Watson & Co., Limited-81; por Chinese resident applying for a permit to return passenger ticket, passport, and daplicate copies a fee of five dollars. The applicant must also years, and is not a vagrant, orininal, professional come a charge upon the country.

Women for whom permits are sought must be proved to be of good character, or the wives of made for the admission without permits of wives of Chinese residents and their children under fourteen years of age, but it must be shown that women or children are such as the law allows. "All permits issued under the provisions of a forfeiture: and the person making or attempting to make such transfer, and any person aiding him in so doing, shall be liable, on convidimprisonment for a term not exceeding six

months at hard labour. These regulations, if strictly carried out, ought at the very least to be a check upon Chinese ascendancy. Their enforcement should be accompanied by a working of the Vagrancy Act for all that it is worth. Making the best of both cal policy of exclusion of Mongolians to which the nation must in self-preservation eventually come. This Kingdom will be in a position of winning American sympathy, so much valued, if it follows. the leading of the United States in this matter as nearly as possible. That nation is about seenring Mongolian coolie exclusion by formal convention with the Chinese Empire. Should this project be consummated, the hands of the Hawaiten Government will be strengthened.

THE RECEAT EMEUTE IN NORTH BORNEO.

The British North Borneo Herald says :- As a report has been circulated that the late disturbance in Mempakol was caused by the establishment of a Salt Monopoly and an increase in the Poll Tax on the part of the Government, and as it has also been stated that the Company are taxing the natives to pay dividends to shareholders, we feel it incumbent upon us to assert most emphatically that both these reports have no foundation in fact. The Padas Muruts are confirmed, head-hunters, and have ever been the terror of the Coast. Twice they have destroyed the villages of Menumbok and Mempakol, on one occasion decapitating all the Chinese Traders at Menumbok, where the graves of the murdered men can still be seen. It is well known that heads have been taken by them in Labuan, and often have they desecrated the European graves in the English cemetery, that Government being powerless to administer the chastisement which has now been meted out to a partion of the tribes by the Company. The Poli Tax has not been increased, and no Salt Monopoly has been established on the West Coast. The sole reason of the disaffection is the refusal of the Murats to become a law abiding people. The ringleaders of the late outbreak have been previously punished and imprisoned for murder by the Company, one of them having three times taken the oath of allegiance and three times broken the same. With regard to the second charge, the Company, from being a Company, must be prepared for adverse criticisms, and we quite expected them to be charged with sneking the life blood of the people to pay dividends to shareholders. To show how unjust these charges are, we submit the following facts for the information of our readers. The natives of Java pay the Government one-fifth of the produce from the land and one day's gratuitous labour in the European week of seven days, or from 6s. to 16s. per head of the population. The natives of India also pay a

to 12s, por head. The natives of Fiji are assessed nearly 4s. per head in direct taxation, in produce ; and, including a heavy import duty on all tabitants practically contribute nothing towards revenue. When it is considered that they form nine-tenths of the inhabitants of the colony, and that it is in their interest that such a large police

heavy land tax and on the gross revenue from 5:

the best method to adpot to stop intertribal wars, and to replace head-taking by the introduction of habits of thrift and industry amongst COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE. -FRIDAY, 4th May.

EXCHANGE.

V LONDON .-Bank Bills, on demand ......3,0 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ......3/01 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight .....3/01 Credits, at 4 months' sight .......3/0% Decumentary Bills, at 4 months' N PARIS .-Bank Bills, on domand ......3.79

Credits, at 4 months' sight .......3.67 ON NEW YORK. Bank Bills, on demand......732 Credits 60 days' sight ......743 Bank, on demand CALCUTTA Bank, on demand ......222

Bank, at sight ......724

Private, 30 days' sight ......721

SHARES.

N SHANGHAL-

Quelations are :---Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares-158 per cent. promium, ex div. \$86 per shure. China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares-North China Insurance-Tls. 265 per share. Yangteze Insurance Association.—Tla. 108 per

Chinese Insurance Company, Limited-\$185 per On Tai Insurance Company, Limited-Tls. 140 per share. Canton Insurance Office, Limited-\$74 per

uer share, sellers. Straits Marine Insurance Company, Limited-Straits Fire Insurance Company, Limited-3191. ex div.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's

Shares-31 per cent. prem., ex div. Shares-\$105 per cent. prem. Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares-124 per cent. discount. China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited -355 per share.

Donglas Steamship Company, Limited-\$50 per will attend, and the festival is expected to be one Hongkong Gas Company's Shares-\$125 per must respect Imperial obligations. Com-Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares-\$170 per the Times says :- "As to Imperial Federa-China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$148 per chare, ex div. Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-157

Hongkong Ico Company's Shares -264 per Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited -\$100 per share. Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company

Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Company, Limited-5115 per share. Perak Sugar Cultivation Company-Tis. 18 per Hengkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Li mited-\$50 per share.

to this country must present his tax receipt, Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited-\$161 per share. of face and profile photographs, besides paying | Singapore Insurance Company, Limited-\$21 per share. show that he has resided in the-K-ingdom two Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 R-5 per cent;

beggar, user of opium, or a person likely to be- Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-9 per cent. premium, nom. Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 E-10 per cent premium, nom. Chinese living in this Kingdom. Provision is Société Française des Charboniages du Tonkin -35 per cent. prem., buyers.

HONGLONG TEMPERATURE. (FROM MESSAS. PALCONER & Co.'s REGISTER.) Thermometer-9 a.M. Thermometer -4.F.M.... Thermometer-0 AM. (Wet bulb)......

Thermometer Maximum

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

3rt May, 1848, at 4 r.m.

4th May, 1658, at 10 a.m. There is not much change in the Barometer and gradients

damp, and cool along the coast. Hongkong Observatory, 4th May, 1888.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER. On date On date

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6.—STATE OF THE WRITHER: B. blue sky; C. detached clouds; D. doz. Sling rain; F. for; O. gloomy; H. hait; L. light-

ning; O. overwet; P. passing showers; Q. squally; R. ram; S. snow; T. thunder; V. visibility; W., daw (wet). 7.—Rate in inches, tenths and hundredibe. W. DOBERCK Hongkong Observatory, 4th May, 1888.

NEWS FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

THE EXCLUSION OF THE CHINESE FROM AUSTRALIA.

The action of the Australian Governments our Minister Plenipotentiary, to H. E. the Go- goods, pay over 6s. per head. The natives of in totally prohibiting all Chinese immigraveruor, announced the fact, but the terms are as Ceylon pay 8s, per head, and in addition 6 days' tion is calculated to give rise to serious poliof 1886, the reason being the feeling of secu- came up. When they came I was still on the yet not made known. It is rumoured, however, gratuitous labour a year towards the upkeep of tical complications. It involves also a payment, and yields a revenue of £89,000 a year. of steamers engaged on the Australian line have hitherto occupied, i.e., the Peninsula of Ma- It is unnecessary to cite any other examples, but by the stoppage of the emigration trade in we say without fear of contradiction that there that direction. Hongkong, however, cannot blance of a Government, where the people are claim to be heard in the matter, which is so lightly taxed as the natives of British North one to be settled between the Rritish, Chi-Berneo. Last year some 150,000 people contri- nese, and Australian Governments. From sport to convoy reliefs for the Garrison has again buted about \$8,000 to the revenue, or, say, six whatever point of view we regard it the prebeen resorted to, the transport Africa having cents a head on the population, which same was cipitate action of the latter must be proall paid away on salaries to native Chiefs and nounced extremely ill-advised and much to Collectors, so that, as yet, the native in be deplored. Assuming for the sake of argument that Chinese immigration is as injurious to the colonies as the anti-Chineso party claim, and that the public interest deforce and expensive administration has to be manded its stoppage, we still maintain that kept up, it is only reasonable that they should the action taken by the Australian Governments to attain that end is wholly unjustifiable. To pass such a law without notice is plainly unjust to those emigrants, who are already on their way and to the owners of the ressels carrying them, and it argues a total disregard for Imperial interests-However desirable it might be to stop the immigration, the matter was not one of such immediate organcy that a period of a few months could not have been spared to have allowed of its being properly represented to the Chinese Government and a freaty being negotiated. The action seems to have been taken in utter wantonness, for the Australian Governments had notice of the hearing of the matter on the international relations of England and China, a protest by the Chinese representative at the Court of St. James against the treatment of Chipees in Australia having been forwarded by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the various Australian Governments for coneideration and report. The Chinese Government having entered into a treaty with the United States for the probibition of the immigration of Chinese labourers into the States, the British Government would doubtless have found it possible to negotiate

a similar treaty with reference to the immigration of Chinese labourers into such of the British colonies as were unwilling to receive them. The Australian Governments bave preferred to go their own way, and pass legislation in defiance of the treaty obligations of the Empire of which the colonies form part. What the final result may be it is difficult to conjecture, but certain it is that the Chinese Government has now had placed in its bands a weapon that it is to be fearedit will be only too ready to make use of when concessions to British trade in China

are asked for. China will naturally appeal to the British Government, which will have to address the Australian Governments on the subject. A conflict between Imperial interests and what longkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares are supposed to be Colonial interests will then be brought to view, and, although noat present, the tendency will be to loosen the bonds that unite Australia and the mother country. The question of separation is discussed with considerable freedom by many Australians, and it has been predicted that it would be on this very question longkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s of Chinese immigration that the split would take place. The colonies are not yet, however, in a position to set up for themselves, and love for the old country is still a strong fenture in colonial life. But so long as the colonies, whether from self-interest or other motives, remain a portion of the empire, they menting on some remarks of Mr. BRIGHT, the tion we venture to think that if it is to be argued down it must be by arguments some. what less ignoble than that which commenditself to Mr. BRIGHT. He thinks a federa-

tion of the Empire impossible because the colonies would never undertake any responsibility for the warlike policy of the Home Government. How, then, did New South Wales, quite unasked, come to send troops to Sunkin? If for no other reason-and, as Mr. Bright is arguing from self-interest alone, he may be met on that ground-if for. no other reason, because the solidarity of the Empire means that the colonies will gain as much as they give, or more, in tune of war. It never seems to occur to Mr. BRIGHT that it may be a matter of importance to tion in an emergency." So far good. The quoted provisions of the Ordinance aforesaid. conduct of New South Wales in the Soudan affair commanded the admiration of the whole empire. But regard for international obligations is of more importance than military assistance in time of war, valuable as

# THE COOLIE STRIKE.

### 24th April.

No reply has yet been received from the Goverament to the netition of the cargo boat coolies, and the strike still continues. . The old proverb of arms is punishable by six months' imprisonthat "Necessity is the mother of invention" has ment. again proved correct, and one fact has been indisputably proved by the strike, namely, that though the refusal of the boatmon to work may be liable to whipping, in place of or in addition cause inconvenience to the colony, they are by to any other penalty prescribed by the Ordin. no means as indispensable to it as they appeared ance. Such whipping shall be inflicted with a to consider themselves. In fact, it-seems pro-bable that by their present ill-considered action and shall not exceed thirty strokes. the coolies will find that they have not only done more injury to themselves, in the present, than to anyone else, but for the future also. We understand that in view of the success that has at- the continuance of any Proclamation under this tended the P. & O. Co.'s experiment of taking Ordinance, unlawfully combining to procure cargo om their own lighters to the steamers, they are seriously considering the advisability of getting one or two more lighters and dispensing fully combining to procure shopkeepers, dealers, with the services of the outside boutmen altogether. It was reported on the 24th April in tiwn that the cargo boatmen, seeing the futility of their strike under the present circumstances. had endeavoured successfully to get the coal coolies to join them. The report requires confirmation, and it is to be hoped that for their own sake the coal coolies will not take such a foolish step. Whatever real or supposed grievance the cargo boatmen may have against the Government, the coal coolies certainly have none, and cannot be expected to be treated in the same manner. Common sense, it is to be hoped, will show them that however great the inconvenience caused by such an action, they cannot expect to intimidate the Government, backed as it is by nearly all those in the ship-

25th April. The report that the cargo boat coolies had succeeded in inducing the street coolies to join them has proved true. On the 25th ultime the greater part of the street and coal coolies struck, the only exception being Tungkoon and Swatow men. The Italian steamer Bormida, which is lying at the P. and O. wharf, and several other steamers were obliged to stop work owing to the coolies having struck, or, in some cases, owing to the petition of the cargo beatmen :- From the petithe men being afraid to continue in consequence | tion presented to me I now understand what your of being threatened by those on strike. The Halion, which arrived yesterday, and went alongside which you ask me either to alter or do away with, the Douglas wherf, was unable to unlead. It is rumoured that endeavours are being made to get | the regulation is found to be in any way irregular, i the juricksha and chair coolies to join in the must certainly be repealed, but this regulation was strike, but though this would of course cause in- made before I came to the Colony. I have the greatest convenience, it would not be nearly such a serious sympathy with the working classes in your position, who live from hand to mouth, but nevertheless it is matter as the strike of the street coolies. Busi- evident to me that there are evil-disposed and disness yesterday was almost at a standatill, many affected persons who have deluded you into employers of labour, whose coolies have not banding yourselves together for the purpose of struck and who profess themselves perfectly disobeying the law, and have made use of your willing to work, have been unable to use them sented to me this petition and have asked me to look owing to the men being afraid to work in case they should be interfered with by the strikers. The I cannot allow myself to be correct by these people, Praya and adjacent streets were througed yester. and if you insist on disobaying the law, I must reday with the coolies on strike, amusing themselves | fase to pay any regard to your petition, and you yourby gambling, while a mounted Sikh patrolled the selves will be the sufferers. I am of opinion that the district to preserve order. Appearances seem to sympathy and affection. It is only fair that you point to the fact that the strike may go further, should be enlightened on the subject, but if after and is likely to prove one of the most serious that doing so you will not awake to the fact of has been known in Hougkong. There is no your error, and alil persist in banding yourselves doubt that the generality of the strike may be together not to work, then the people of Hongkong

traced to the agency of the Trade Guilds. In fact | must find some plan of doing without you altogether. the present strike is a struggle between the a livelihood. This is my answer. Trade Guilds and the Government. 26th April. shows no sign of termination. The strikers, by to be-taking a turn for the better. The jin- free part of the room, where many underlings \* persuasion and threats, have succeeded also in ricksha coolies have all returned to work and were eating, smoking, talking, etc., with a getting many of the jinricksha coolies to join were plying for hire, without hindrance, in all few prisoners among them. The eastern chien them. A number of these, however, refused to parts of the town yesterday. The demonstration was partitioned off by heavy and thick upright go on strike, and the strikers resorted to strong made on Thursday by the Government bars. The floor was made of heavy planks, and measures to force them to do so. Shortly and the proclamation of the Peace Pre- raised about three feet high. This floor had a after nine o'clock on Thursday morning, servation (ordinance appear to have had a little dirty straw upon it, and was the bed for the 26th April, a mob of the strikers as good effect. On Thursday night the Tung- the dozen prisoners squatting at the side. They sembled at the junction of Ice House Lane koon men addressed a potition to His Ex- had no bedding. Their bair was long and unand Queen's Road, armed with bamboos and cellency informing him that they were willing to cared for. They were white, like plants long consticks, and provented all empty jurickshas continue working and asking land they might be fined from the sun. I recognized no familiar from passing west of that spot. The juricksha protected. The following reply from His Ex- face among them, but was shown an object stretcoolies resisted this attempt to coerce them, collency has been freely distributed throughout ched out just close to the bars which all said was and a few blows were struck, but no serious riot- | the Colony :-ing occurred. The jinricksha'ocolies, with their vehicles, about fifty in number, then made a final if they will inform me of the locality where they inattempt to break through the line, but were un-tend working, I shall take care that special protection successful and were obliged to go back east. is shorded them, and I desire that they shall make it ward. Later in the miribig the coolies were allowed to ply for hire a little further West. lawful occupation will be penished with the atmost by some one. His upper garments were not but throughout the day it was almost impos- severity, while the ringlenders and especially those many. His pillow was his old-shoes, lice filled sible to obtain a jinricksha west of No. 5 who are scoretly inciting others to disorder will, in his clothes, hair, and beard, and even were about Station, and the men could not be induced to addition, be banished altogether from the Colony. take a fare further westward than this point. The junicksha coolies in the western district who refused to join the strike were forcibly driven from that part of the town. A lady who was going westward in a jinricksha, in the coolies throughout the Colony have been made to and windy to attempt to remove him, but I went the morning, was turned back by a number of stopwork, not of their own accord, but through threats men who refused to allow the vehicle to pass. Several similar cases of intimidation have been brought to our notice, but no arrests | timidation to prevent the doing of any lawful not, such appear to have been made by the Police. A as honest work for your livelihood, is a serious offence gentleman while walking near the Stug Hotel, in the afternoon, saw a man stationed there turning the jinricksha men back with threats. He went up and seized the man, but being unable to find a Policeman, was compelled to take the law in his own hands, and administered a sound thrashing. In fact during the whole of the earlier part of the day, the Police appear to have adhered most rigidly to a policy of non-intervention. About noon, a band of coolies armed with bamboos was collected close to No. 7 Police Station, listening to a harangue from one. of their number, doubtless on the subject of the strike. Two empty jinrickshas were on the outskirts of the crowd, their owners having stopped -to-listen to-the discourse. Suddenly the whole crowd surrounded the two jinrickshas and, presumably, at a word from the speaker, smashed ther they return to work or not. It is a little batches of four at a time. The first four said both vehicles to pieces. Another jinricksha, whose early yet for the community to congratulate that they had nothing to do with the trouble driver had been bold enough to bring a passenger itself on its victory, but it appears safe to which had occurred, but that the gaoler in charge westward, was passing the spot, when it was prophesy that in a few days the strike, on all of the prison, had induced the old prisoner and overturned and the driver maitreated by the hands, will be at an end. In the meantime bu- leader to demand money of the newcomer, and crowd. Later in the day, more Police were siness is proceeding more briskly than it has on his refusing had flogged him. Two more put on, and the streets presented a quiet been doing during the past few days, although butches of four each and one of seven gave appearance. The P. & O. Company's coolies, there is still plenty of room for further im. the same reply, when the remaining four, who had so far refused to join the strikers, on the provement. At the Kowlcon wharves no less than among whom was the leader, were sent for. The morning of the 26th gave notice that though six steamers are being loaded and discharged, leader said that he knew his crime had been willing to work they were afraid to do so, in but on this side of the water, the work is being consequence of threats received. The P. & carried on under greater difficulties. The de-O. Company, however, promptly took them at parture of the Changsha for Australia has had him, and the other three men said the same. their word that they were willing to work, and to be postponed in consequence of the strike having collected them at the stevedore's, marched until after the 2nd prox. The number of Police them down to the wharf under Police protect in the vicinity of the wharves and along the tion, put them on a launch, and sent them off to Praya generally has been increased, for the purthe steamer. With a view to show the strikers what means the Government has at its disposal should the strike, enter on has been threatened by the coolies, a grounda more serious aspect, it was decided by less rumour having been circulated to the effect the authorities that some kind of a de- that he was bringing up coolies from the Straits monstration might be advisable. Accordingly, and a special force of constables was promptly in the afternoon, about four o'clock, two com- detailed for the protection of the Opium Farm. panies of the 59th Regiment, two field guns, and about 150 Police, headed by the Superintendent, Hon. W. M. Deane, and several mounted Sikhs, were marched through the principal thoroughfares returned to work, and at an early hour on Monday ratton. These punishments were inflicted in of the Central and Western parts of the town morning the cargo boats, which since the strike the courtyard, and in addition the foot of the accompanied by Mr. H. E. Wedehouse, C.M.G., have been anchored at Sam-shui-po; came over chief was placed on a stone, and he received Police Magistrate. The gunboat Merlin, with to this side and took up their accustomed places thirty-three blows with an iron hammer on a number of sailors and marines on board, has along the Prays. The appearance presented by the ankle, and the second, who had flogged

proclaimed on the same day. THE PEACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE. The following is the proclamation of the Peace Preservation Ordinance, issued as a Gazette Ex. traordinary on the 26th April:-

PROCLAMATION. [L.S.] G. WILLIAM DES VOUX, By His Excellency, Sir G. William Des Voux, Kuight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order shown not to be coerced, while the greatest of the superior officials at Socchow.

of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander in Chief of the colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same. Whereas by section 5 of Ordinance 15 of 1886. en titled-The Peace Preservation Ordinance, 1886, it is provided among other things that |---Whonever it shall appear to be necessary for the

lony shall be subject to the provisions of sections to 13 of the said Ordinance. And whereas it appears to me in Executive Council hat auch necessity orists: cies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, in pursuance of

Now, therefore, I, Sir G. William Des Voux, Governor of the colony of Hongkong and its Dependen. Melbourno or Cape Town to be able to appeared the said section and by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby under my hand declare and proposite the fleets of Great Britain for protection that the colony shall be subject to the above

ARATHOON SETH, Clerk of Councils. God Save The Queen. Given at Government House, Hongkong, this 26th

Section 6 provides that whenever the peace is being broken a Justice of the Peace may call

to disperse riotous or unlawful assemblies; persons refusing to disperse are liable to three months' imprisonment. Section 8 probibits the carrying of arms, and gives Justices of the Peace power to authorise constables to search for arms. The possession

Section 7 gives Justices of the Peace authority

Section 9 provides that porsons convicted under any of the three preceding sections shall

Section 10 gives power to enter houses and

Section 11 is as follows: -- Any person during stoppage of the sale or transit from place to place of provisions or other articles, or unlawor other persons to discontinue the sale or transit from place to place of provisions or other articles or preventing or endeavouring to prevent any person from purchasing or from being supplied with any such articles, shall, on summary conviction thereof before a Magistrate, be liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding three months, or to a fine not exceeding tifty dollars, or to both. Section 12 gives the Governor in Council

power to bazish any person, not a natural born subject of Her Majesty, whose removal is considered necessary for the public safety. Section 13 grants an indomnity to any person acting in good faith under the provisions of the Ordinance against liability in damages or other-

wise for any act done by him. HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER TO THE BOATMEN'S PETITION. The answer of His Excellency to the petition presented to him by the cargo boatmen was on the 26th ult. posted throughout the town. The

following is a translation of the petition:-OFFICIAL ANSWER TO THE PETITION OF THE BOATMEN.

Sir William des Voux, K.C.M.G., Governor Hongkong and its dependencies, herewith answereth grievance is. With regard to the regulation which I I promise to examine carefully into the matter, and if into this matter. You must understand at once that officials and the population should work together in and in that case you will be deprived of all means of

Answer to petition from Tungkoon coolies :-That known that any ill-disposed persons endeavouring to

The following general notice in Chinese was posted in the town:-

Whereas it has come to my knowledge that many of of violonco, notice is hereby given that, just as it is unlawful to compel you to work against your will, it is also unlawful to compel you to stop working. Inand the intimidators, if discovered, will be punished severely. Lot willing workers thou work as before and every protection will be afforded them.

The Messageries Maritimes yesterday engaged a number of Manila seamen from the boarding-houses to work cargo on the steamer Djemnah, and Mesers. Siemesen & Co. also procured similar assistance to work the cargo on

their cousting steamers. A large number of the earrying coolies returned to work on Saturday morning, and the carrying coolies at work, it is compose of protecting those coolies who are desirous, of carrying on their work. The Opium Farmer

The remainder of the carrying coolies have the bamboo, and the fourth 2,000 with the been anchored opposite the Harbour Office, to the moving across the harbour of the whole the new prisoner and his friend, got fifty blows support the Police and Military should any. fleet of junks was as interesting as it was with the same hammer on the ankle. Both thing in the nature of a riot take place. The novel. The Government has made no con- men's ankles were broken, and the men fainted Peace Preservation Ordinance, which gives cession whatever, and the strikers, seeing the under the punishment. The other two were largely increased powers to the authorities in uselessness of remaining "out" any longer, have kept kneeling during this time. This took dealing with riotous assemblies and preventing had to acknowledge themselves besten and place between five and six o'clock in the afterintimidation and interference with business, was return to work. The coolies will, of course, have noon, and it is said that the men whose ankles to submit to the regulations to which they had been thus hammered were insensible until objected, but we understand that having done 9 o'clock. Three of the men were placed in so, if they choose to appreach the Government cages, and next morning the leader, who could races. in a proper manuer, the Government is quite not walk, was carried before the magistrate, prepared to listen to them and enquire who is preparing a special cell for his detention. into their grievance. The strike and its The leader is, we are informed, the same man result have doubtless taught a salutary lesson to who was put in a cage in the city to be starved the coolies, and the Government is to be con- to death a few months ago. The above punishgratulated upon the determination they have ments were, the Chinese say, inflicted by orders

praise is due to the community generally, and those interested in shipping particularly, for the manner in which while suffering much inconvenience, they have consistently upheld the action of the Government.

preservation of the public peace of the colony, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to declare by Proclamation to be published in the Gazette that the 18T ROUND

Bird beat Jones......4-6, 6-4, 8-6. Scanlan beat Mackintosh ... 6-2, 6-3. Wallace best Polts ......6-2, 6-3, (Johnston, Martin, Luard, Coxon, and Hirst-

a good defensive game, and serving well, something to do with this.

liberties with his scientific antagonist.

pace, and he failed to keep his opponent away

from the net. Scanlan placed his volleys well

I. C. Johnston beat J. M. Martin, R. N. .. 4-6, 6-3, 8-6 W. H. Wallace beat H. A. Luard, 58th Rogt.6-4, 6-1. A. de C. Scanlan, A.M.D., beat S. G. Bird ... 6-2, 6-4.

and made several aces by good service.

E. J. Coxon beat C. J. Hirst (Scratched.) The first of the above matches resulted in a great "upset," olds of 3 to 1 having been freely offered on Martin without fluding takers. won the first sett at 8-4, but lost the next at 3-6, his opponent's swift returns from the back of the court appearing to demoralize him. The 3rd sett was very close, both players being on the defensive and keeping well back. Johnston

eventually won it at 8-8 for the former, was a very interesting match owing to the fact that each player was a good exponent of a particular style of play-Wallace of the "Volley" and Luard of the "Back-Court" game. In the first sett Luard's low and beauful volleying, had to play a good deal on the defensive. In the second sett, however, Wallace the sufferers. warmed to his work, and, keeping his adversary very busy at the back of the court with some well placed volleys, tired him out, and won at

Scanlan and Bird showed some smart play, but the former had the whip-hand throughout. Some of Bird's velleying at the net was particularly good, and he got the best of several quick exchanges. His service, however, might be more severe, and in the matter of years he was heavily handicapped. Owing to the regrettable illness of his

ponent Coxon " walked over." 3rd Round

Wallace plays Coxon, Scanlan plays Johnston BARBAROUS TREATMENT OF

CHINESE CRIMINALS. A writer in the Chinese Times gives the fol- fore she could be beached. lowing account of a visit to one of the Peking gaols:—An underling at one of the county jails in Peking called for me to go and see a Christian confined there, who was sick. I had the night before agreed to become his security at the request of several other Christians, who had known him for years, and who had been informed that he was starving "in his present confinement." I was readily admitted into the locked courtyard of the jail, and then into the three clien building, where about twenty prisoners Mr. Ten Broeck's Dunkeld ....... were confined. The western chien was occupied. The Chiterion Stakes; a Sweepstakes of Tis. Although the cargo beatmen and carrying form-kang, noon which sat about a dozon The strike of the carrying cooles cooles still remain on strike, things appear prisoners. The middle chien was the open the man Lee whom I sought. He greeted me. and said several times, Kin we te ming. I found that he could not rise, and going in raised the emaciated form to a sitting posture, but he had no strength left, and I laid him back again. He had on a pair of foreigner's trousers given him his eyes enough to keep him from opening them. The filthy straw amounted to nothing in the meagreness of the quantity to relieve the hardness of the planks or keep their cold from penetrating the body. The day was deemed too cold at once to the buildings of the man in authority. several rods down the street. He was not in, but after some time of waiting it was agreed that the fact of my giving security would be reported to him upon his return, and no doubt the prisoner would be released. I started to go to the west city, when seeing a man coming from

the county jail I turned back, only to learn from

him that death had done its work. Upon

the ghastly corpse, just as I had placed him.
We (N. C. Daily News) mentioned some days ago an old prisoner who had levied blackmail on a new prisoner in the Che-haien's jail, and had flogged the new prisoner for refusing to pay, and also a man who was supposed to have informed the Che-haien of these proceedings. The Hudoubtless their example will shortly be pao now says that the Che-baien or magistrate, followed by the rest. The cargo boat on taking his seat in Court on the 23rd April coolies still remain on strike, but with first had the building well guarded by braves and runners, and then sent for the prisoners in his paratively a matter of slight importance when jail-there were twenty-three confined there-in great and he left himself in the hands of the Che-hsien, who might do what he pleased with The new prisoner, who had been flogged, was then brought in and interrogated, when he stated that the gaoler had on two occasions asked him to pay money, saying that he knew his family were well off, and that on refusing he was flogged by one of the prisoners, and that a friend who called on him was dragged into the prison and flogged, and he identified the prisoner who had flogged him, who was not the leader. The Che haien thereupon ordered the leader to receive 1,000 blows with the rattan and 1,000 with the bamboo; a second man 1,000 with the bamboo and 2,000 with the rattan; a third 1,000 with

THE C. M. S. N. CO'S STEAMER "KWANGCHI" SUNK BY A CHINESE CORVETTE.

The Mercury of the 28th April gives the follow nir account of a serious collision at Shanghai :-This afternoon, shortly after three o'clock, as the C. M. S. N. Company asteamer Kwanachi was coming up the river, bound in from Newchwang, via Chefoo, and when about opposite the Socobow Creek, she was run into by the Chinese corvette Nanshin. From what we can gather, there was nothing in the way that would cause any lifficulty in the navigation of either vessel. The Of the above three matches the only one pro- corvette had plenty of room to give the Kwangductive of any excitement was that between chi a wide berth. First the corvette blew two Bird and Jones, which resulted in a very whistles, which was replied to by the Kwangchi. narrow victory for the former. Playing Soon after she blew one whistle; this was replied to by the Kwanachi and she ported, heading for Jones won the first sett at 6-4, losing the second | the Soochow Creek; a good strong flood was runafter a very even struggle at 4-6. In the 3rd ning at the time. The corvette, however, ran sett Bird won the two first games, but his oppon- clean into her port side, nearly amidships, and ont conslized matters by scouring the next two. | those on shore looking on thought the Kwangch that may be, and it affects more nearly the upon bystanders to give their aid in preserving the play till the score was 5 games to 3, Jones wins. affect for some time. The main-mast of the From this point Bird got distinctly the worst of | would be out in two, but fortunately she kept the peace and in apprehending persons breaking It then seemed odds on the "Agent," as his an. Kwangchi came down with a crash, smashing hor tagonist was playing in anything but his starboard after boat and other things it came usual form. However, Bird managed to win into contact with. It was broken off, close to the next game after having been within a single the hurricane deck, and when we saw it, it was ace of losing it, and the match, and, playing with in three pieces. There was also a hole about six more confidence, won the next also. Score, 5 or eight inches wide and two or three feet is games all. Want of condition now told consider- length in her port side. The corvette cleared ably on Jones, who felloff in his play undeventually herself and steamed off down the river as if nolost the sett at 6-8: There was very little fast | thing occurred, but she left her iron martingale, play on either side, but no doubt the heat had with some chain guys attached to it, on the deck . of the Kicanachi. After the collision, the captain Wallace had it all his own way with Potts, play- of the Kwangchi gave orders to sound the after ing with more accuracy and greater judgment. hold, and five inches of water was found there, and Potts made some brilliant strokes, but missed far | orders were at once given to use the pumps; and more easy ones, and on the whole took too many it was thought at the time that she was not making much water, and the steamer made her way Scanlan carried too many guns for Mackin- up to the Kin-lee-yuon Wharves, when she turntosh, though the latter worked hard and con- ed round. It was soon observable that she was scientionaly to win. His returns are wanting in settling down aft, and they hastened to beach her on the Pootung shore, where she now lies opposite the Soochow Creek, The Harbour Master was soon on board, and her anchors were got out shead, and everything that was possible was done to keep her from sliding down into deep water. Her fore compartment and engine-room is free of water. She has a valuable cargo of silk and other Newchwang goods on board. It was almost miraculous that no one was injured, as there were a number of passengers on deck when the mast fell. Lighters were soon alongside, and every means was taken to save her cargo, which they were rapidly discharging when we left her. It is expected that the hole will be plugged up; and that she will be in dock by about 2 o'clock to-morrow morning. The Chinese corvette was bound down the river, having just been undergo-Wallace v. Luard, though a rather easy win ing repairs at Kiangnan Arsenal. Nearly all the cargo in the after-hold of the Kwanachi is damaged. She is in command of Capt. Danielson. It is impossible to find out the full amount of damage till the vessel is docked, or to give any opinion, till the case is tried; but it is doubtful tifully placed returns from the base line fairly if there will be any trial, as both vessels are puzzled his opponent, who, after some unsuccess. Chinese, and the Nanshin being a Government vessel, we are afraid the C. M. S. N. Co. will be

> From the Daily News of the 30th April we take the following further particulars:--When the tide fell, the holes in the Kwangchi's side were plugged up, and it was found that a lot of rivets had been knocked out; there was a big bulge and a number of smaller ones in her side, and there were some small holes in some of the plates. Only two of the frames were actually broken. but a number of others were so twisted out of shape that they will have to be renewed. Early on the morning of the 29th she floated off and steamed to the Old Dock where she is now. The man-of-war as soon as she got below the shipping, anchored, and her captain came back to ascertain the damage done, his own damage consisting of a broken jibboom. It is fortunate that the man-of-war caught the Kwangchi on the round of her ram and did not strike her with thespur. Had she done so, it is almost certain that the Kwangchi would have sunk be-

SHANGHAI SPRING RACE MEETING. FIRST DAY, 1st May.

The HART LEGACY CUP: presented by the Inte James Hart; value, Tls. 100; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls-5.—Half-a-mile.

pony to save his stake. One mile. Mr. John's Susewind inches as per scale; entrance. Tis. 5. Three-

quarters of a-mile. Mr. Tell's St. Gothard The CATHAY CUP, value, Tls. 150; for China | Hongkong Five Insurance ................ ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins | Fire insurance (balance of premis) ...... at the date of entry allowed 71bs.; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a haif. Mr. Triad's Precursor

The JOCKEY CUP, value, Tls. 100; for China ponies that have never won a race: to be ridden by Jockeys who have never had a winning mount before this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tis. 5. Once round. Mr. Sassoon's Forester The KIANG-SU PLATE, value, Tls. 150; for China: To general manager. ponies; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, To balance Tls. 5. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Sassoon's Harbinger ..... 1 The RACING STAKES, a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; for China ponies that have never run By balance forward ...... before 1st January, 1888; grifflus at date of By ret earnings in Hongkong, China, Lonentry allowed 5 lbs.; weight for inches as per scale; winners 5lbs. extra. One mile and

Mr. Sasscon's Cariole The ROADSTERS' PLATE, value, Tis. 100; for China ponies (without restriction to height) not otherwise entered at this meeting, and that have never won a race; weight, 10st. 12lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. Once round,

Mr. Bassoon's Saltpetre...... SECOND DAY, 2nd May.

5. Half-a-mile. Mr. Tell's Altels (late Con Impeto). inches as per scale. One mile and a half.

5. One mile and a quarter.

10lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. Two miles. Mr. Sasscon's Squeezer

under. One mile.

5; for all ponies, except those entered in the

H. E. the Tactai; for China/ponies; weight, trance, Tls. 5. One wile. Mesara. Morgan & White's Silken Mead..... It will be seen that Mr. Sassoon secured five wins in eight events, including all the principal

THIRD DAY, Srd May. The LAH-DE-DAH CUP, value, Tls. 200 : present ed : added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each : second pony to receive 80 per cent. and the was carried unanimously.

scale; griffing at date of entry allowed 71bs. :

Seven furlongs. Mr. John's Susewind entry, that have run and not won a race; to-morrow at the rate of 4s. 2ld. per tael. weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Min's Reaper. The CHAU-SHANG-KIUK CUP, value, Tls. -: C. M. S. N. Co.: for China ponies that have that their remuneration be Tls. 6,000." never run at any meeting in China or Hongkong provious todate of entry at each meeting; to be won at two consportive meetings, or three times in all, by ponies, the bona fide property of the same owner or owners: weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 10; 80: per cent. of the entrance fees to go to the winner until the Cup is won, when the second which was passed unanimously. cent, to be allowed to accumulate, and the accumulation in excess of Tls. 500 (to be retained | meeting. for a new Cup) is to be paid to the winner. One mile.

Mr. Min's Reaper...... The YANGTSZE STAKES, value, Tls. 100: for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winner of a race of two miles or over, 5lbs. extra; entrance, Tls. 5. Two miles and a half. Mr. Sassoon's Forester The Consolation Cup. value. Tis. 100; for

ponies that have run at this meeting and not

won a race; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Once round. for and open only to winners at this meeting Cup and the Rondsters' Plate, not exceeding 14 hands 3 inches in height; weight for inches as per scale; entranco, Tls. 10; winners of two Races, Tls. 15 extra ; for more than two Races Tis. 40 extra. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. John's Susewind ..... The GRAND NATIONAL STREPLECHASE; value, Tle. 150; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners of a Steeplechase at any previous meeting in Shanghai, 5lbs. extra; non-winners of a Steeplechase allowed 5lbs; entrance, Tls. 5. Twice round a course selected by the Stewards. Mr. King's Holbern....

A. S. WATSON AND CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the General Manager, for the year ending the 31st December, 1887, for presentation to the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting of the Company, to be held at the Hongkong Dispensary, on Monday, the 14th inst.:-

To the Thereholders of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.o. GENTLEMEN.—I now beg to lay before you a statement of the Company's business, with a balance sheet for the year ending the 31st December, 1887. The result of the year's working, notwithstanding still lower ruling of exchange, compares favourably with that of the previous year, owing to a general inprease in the Company's business in China and Mapila. The net profits of the Company for the twelve months under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful dobts, and losses, and including \$2,730.09 brought forward from last year, amount to 361,811.47. We paid an interim dividend of 6 per cent. in November last, absorbing \$24,700, and I now propose to pay a further dividend of 64 per cent., (making 13 per cent. for the year), which will absorb \$24,700; to carry \$10,000 to the Permanent Reserve Fund, \$5,000 t. Reserve Fund to meet contingencies or for equalizing dividends (in accordance with Clause 16 of Article 113), leaving a balance of \$411.47 to be carried for-

The Company's accounts in London have been audited by Messrs. Edward Moore & Son, Chartered Accountants, and those at the Head Office by Mr. A. W Maitland, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. JNO. D. HUMPHREYS, General Manager. Hongkong, 1st May, 1868. 31er DECEMBER, 1887. Liabilities.

Capital account, 8,800 shares ..... Unclaimed dividends Permanent reserve fund ...... Profit and loss, forward ...... \$ 2,730.09 Profit and loss ...... 62,081.38 Goodwill and trade marks ...... 100,000.00 Bills of parcels—Amounts due from Cus-Bank balaness ...... 15,927.18 Investments in public companies-North China Insurance Leaseholds (business premises)..... Sundry debtors Branch adjustment account ...... Ad interim dividend of 64 percent, payable in November, 1887 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

> \$70,271,90 don, and Manila NORTH-UHINA INSURANCE CO.,

> > LIMITED.

The CHAIRMAN said-With your permission, small fire occurred on the 27th April in an eat- on the opposite side of the road, fell to the same The LADIES' PURSE; value,- for China ponies. and I think it will be admitted, they contain lots of Crown land at the back of St. Stephen's sold for \$3,200 or \$3.55 per square foot; Lot 9 weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tis; is clear statement of the working and position Church were offered for sale on the 30th went for \$2,710, the purchaser being the only of the Company, but there are one or two points April, of which ten only were sold, and bidder; while Lots 10 and 11 produced but very The RACE CLUB CUP; value, Tls. 150; for that, as suggested by a question asked at the was very weak. The Court of Enquiry held and \$2,750 respectively. Lot 12 was left unsold, China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; last ordinary general meeting, the Com- on the 1st May to investigate the circumstances there being no bidder, and the remaining four winners at this meeting of a race of one mile pany's London investments are more fully of the stranding of the Ashington in Sulphur lots fell to Hon. C. P. Chuter who was the only or under, to carry 31bs. extra; over a mile, described in the balance sheet than has been Channel on the 21st April, found that no blame bidder, and who consequently bid in each case extra; penalties accumulative up to the cass hitherto, and I hope you will agree with attached to the captain or officers. From inme, that the disposition of our funds at home is, formation received two men were, on the 2nd for Lots 13, 14, and 15 were \$2,970 each, and

pony, 10 per cent, of the stakes; for China come of about 15 per cent, as compared with kong on the 3rd May. Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each, less Tls. 50 to the chief articles of export. The general results of examine the wreck of the steamer Ardeay with inquiries should be made with a view to discoversecond pony; for China ponies that have the year's working are, of course, somewhat a view to salving operations being undertaken ing the source from which the counterfeits come, never won a race; weight, list. for 13 hands; different from what, as a role, we have been on account of the underwriters, returned on and thereby save the public from the deceit. to give or take 6lbs. for every inch over or acoustomed to, but considering the times we are the 25th April. We understand there is every passing through, and the fact that losses were probability of the Ardgay being got off. The Shanghai Stakes; a forced entry of Tis. the past year, I do not think we have any reason Attorney-General moved that Mr. Joseph Resce. 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. opinion regarding the prospects of the current Justice said he had examined the papers sub. ceeded in evading their custodians is wonderful. One mile and a half.

year, which, unfortunately, has commenced mitted to him, which appeared to be in order, and Mr. Sassoon's Harbinger

1 badly with the loss of the fine steamer Sikh on Mr. Reece would therefore be admitted.

The TACTAL'S CUP; value, Tls, —, presented by which, I regret to say, the company had a full

The postponed trial of the gear of the Peak line. After making these remarks, I will defer Tramway was resumed on the latinst. The break 12st. winners at this meeting 51bs. extra : en. putting the first resolution to give you an oppor- of one of the carriages was tested and proved to tunity of asking any questions.

> No person rising. no questions to put, I beg to propose the first with the appliances at hand. By the time these It is stated that the property was very lately resolution, which is to the following effect:- appliances had been procured, it was too late to bought by a Chinese and that it was fully "That the report and accounts to Slat Decem- proceed with the trial, which was accordingly insured. ber last, as now presented, he adopted and pass- again postponed.

third pony 10 per cent, of the stakes; The Chairman-It is with great pleasure I Supphire, and Swift-leaving for Amoy and were confirmed. The proceedings were purely for China ponies; weight for inches as per beg to propose the second resolution, which is: - thence for the North. The Sapphire returned formal.

weight for inches as per scale; winner of one reserve fund to 31st Dec. 1887-7s. 2d. per was brought to hospital by the Supplier. race at this meeting under a mile, 7lbs. extra; share,

Mr. A. G. Wood seconded this resolution, two such races, 10lbs. extra : entrance, Tls. 5. which was carried nem. con. vers, Westall, and Wood be re-elected as Direcpresented by the directors and employes of the tors of the company for the current year, and

Mr. BEATTIE-I beg to second that. Carried manimously. Mr. Rodewald-I have much pleasure in proposing the fourth Resolution, namely :- "That Messra. White and Burman be re-elected as Audi- Repository until an opportunity offers for sendtors to the company for the ensuing year." Mr. F. C. BISHOP seconded the resolution, nony shall receive same; the remaining 20 per | The CHAIRMAN-That, gentlemen, is all the business the Directors have to bring before the

The meeting then separated .- N. C. Daily

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIA TION, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Yangtsze nsurance Association. Limited :-The directors have now to submit to the sharehold ers the accounts of the association for the year end

ing 31st December, 1887. The directors cannot but express their anxiety optional for the winners of the Consolation | the unabated depression in premiums, owing to the "War of Rates" still continuing, and regret to state. both inside and out, is now being carried on very besides that in 1886 and 1887 suttlements have proved rapidly under the supervision of Mr. Gregory. exceptionally heavy,

The balance of the underwriting account. Tls. 335.98, has been transferred to reserve fund. Tis. 175.914.31 represent the balance of reserve fund on 31st March, 1888, and the directors consider that pending claims account 1887 and former years will absorb about Tls. 100,000 of this amount. Over 99 per cont. of the acceptances in 1887 had run off on the 31st March, 1838.

Mr. F. D. Bush, owing to his departure from China. resigned his seat at the board, and Mr. G. H. Wheeler assumed his place as Deputy Chairman. Mr. H. J. Lein, Wong Fan. F. Southey, R. F. Lammert, Such having recently resigned his seat at the heard owing to his departure from Shanghai, the directors requested Mr. E. O. Arbuthuot to join the board, and gained his consent thereto. The confirmation of this appointment rests with the shareholders. The present board of directors, with the exception of the Chairman, retire from office in accordance with the articles of association. Messrs. A. J. M. Invercity. . Fred, Rodewald, and G. H. Wheeler, being sligible offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Augustus White, who offers himself for re-election as auditor for the current year. UNDERWRITING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1887.

To claims naid less re-insurances..... o commissions and charges ..... o directors' and auditors' fees amount to reserve fund o balance paid as interest to shareholders on espital By net premia less re-insurance RESERVE FUND ON THE 31ST MARCH, 1888.

Tla. 845,006.56 To payments of chims, return premia, brokerages, etc., account former years, less amounts recovered from re-insuring

By balance from last account ...... By profit on bonds . By gain on revaluation of United States and American Railroad scourities By amount from underwriting account. BALANCE EREST SIST MARCH, 1888. 

Working account 1858. United States Government securities in London (market value at date £36,575) ... 168,500.77 American Railroad bonds in London (market value at date £32,400)..... 142,959,25 Chinese Imperial C loan of 1884 Chinese Imperial E loan of 1886 Mortgages on real astate at Shanghai Cash at bankors on fixed and current depo-Policy stamps in London office......

4.061.55 remis in course of collection, and stamps Russell & Co., Secretaries, Shanghai, 18th April, 1888.

Bills receivable .....

### HONGKONG. The Legislative Council met on the 27th

The sighth ordinary general meeting of the mittee. The Rating Ordinance was read a third selves placed in the same unfortunate position.

I in every respect, satisfactory. During the past. May, arrested on the charge of murdering a for Lot 16, \$3,095. The CONCORDIA CUP; value, Tls. -; pre- year, we experienced the fall effect of the heavy coolie. The case has been adjourned until the sented by Members of the Club Concordia, reductions in rates which we found, it necessary inquest on the body of the man alleged to have added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 10 each; second to make towards the end of the year 1886, and been murdered, is concluded. Mr. Joseph Reece pony to receive 40 per cent., and the third the result is a falling off in our net premium in- was admitted to practice as a solicitor in Hongponies, bona fide griffins at date of entry; 1886, but on the other hand it is encouraging to It is notified in the Gazette that the Queen weight for inches as per scale; winner of the find that the volume of business, transacted by has approved the appointment of the Hon terfeit silver coins of the value of ten and twenty the Company, is very little short of the preced- Catchick Paul Chater to be an unofficial member cents are in circulation at Macao. It says that

sot effectually: in fact, so effectually that on being tried on the steepest gradient, the grip was so The CHAIRMAN said-Gentlemen, if you have certain that it was found impossible to detach it April, in which twenty-nine houses were burned.

"That the following interim distribution of pro- | the following day and went into the Aberdens winners, 71bs. extra. One mile and a half. | fits for the year 1887 be now declared :- Interest | dock her series propeller not working satis-The GREAT NORTHERN PLATE; value, Tis. 100; tal. "A bonns of 15 per cent. on shareholders" Swift, by which a stoker lost two fingers by for ponies that have run at this meeting; contributions. And interest accrued upon the having his hand jammed in the machinery. He

A fire broke out on the night of the 27th April about balf-past eleven in No. 89, Queen's Road, West, an eating house. The The CHAIRMAN-With reference to this reso- fire originated in the cookhouse and the The Manchu Stakes, value, Tls. 100; for Intion, gentlemen, I beg to inform you that the Num Pak Hong's manual was on the spot a few China ponies, bona fide griffins at date of dividend warrants will be payable on and after minutes after the outbreak and quickly gained the upper hand. The Government and Volun-Mr. WELCH-Mr. Chairman, I have much teer Brigades also arrived on the scene and ran pleasure in proposing the third resolution: - out their hose, but their services were not re-"That Messrs. Bell. Brand. Hawes, Hearn, La- quired as the fire was extinguished in about ten

On the 27th April two elephants-one male and one female-were landed from on board "the steamer Tuickiow, which arrived here on Wednesday from Bangkok. They are a present from the King of Siam to the Mikado of Japan and have been put up at Kennedy's Horse ing them safely to Japan. A handsome pony. also for the Mikado, arrived by the same steamer. The elephants, which are of a tawny colour.

are shout eleven foet in height The Registrar-General's returns of the births and deaths for the first quarter of 1888 are published in Saturday's Gozette. There were 47 births and 76 deaths among the British and foreign community, and 417 births and 1,500 deaths among the Chinese. The deaths among the British and Foreign community are thus divided : Europeans, 18 ; Portuguese, 25 ; Indians; &c., It; non-residents, 22. The annual deathrate per 1,000 was, for the British and foreign com munity, 28.71; Chinese, 31; whole popula-

tion, 33.70. The completion of the new Roman Catholic Cathedral will in about twelve weeks be un fait decompli. For the past two months about sixty men have been busily engaged in working on roof has been put on the building. Plastering. R.E., who has received instructions from the Futhers to hurry on the work as fast as possible. The Cathedral, when finished, will be one of the most imposing buildings in the Colony. The results of the Cambridge Local Examins-

tion in this Colony at Christmas last were received by the English mail. Of the twenty innior candidates who were examined there succeeded in passing the Examiners, A. Hoo and T. Singh. In preliminary religious knowledge and English subjects only Frank Lammert. I. Horspool, and A. Wallace satisfied. Of those over age who took the junior papers Ho Man Ying and Wong Tsung In satisfied the Examiners. None of the senior candidates were

On the 26th April a Chinese gitl fell into the harbour opposite the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The cries for help were heard by Mr. H. M. Thomsott, of the Bank, who at once rushed on to the Praya and plunging in, swam to her assistance and brought her safely to land. The wirl was taken into the Bank and medical assistance was telephoned for. Dr. Smith, late of the 60,929 05 | San Pable, who is staying at the Hongkong Hotel, was the first in attendance, and Dr. Canthe also answered the summons. Later in the evening, when the girl had somewhat recovered. she was removed to the hospital. The annual general meeting of seatholders in the Union Church was held at that building on the 3rd inst. There was a good

attendance, and the Rev. G. H. Bondfield presided. After a short prayer the secretary of the committee of the Church, Mr. Falconer, read the Annual Report, which contained the balance sheet, showing a credit balance of \$368.61. The debit balance in connection with the organ fund has been erased during the past few months. Several resolutions were unanimously carried. and the following gentlemen were elected officers for the coming year :- The Pastor and Messrs Gillies, Young, Goosmann (Tressurer) Matheson, Macdonald, Boyd, Rodgers, Dr. Kimball, (Hon. Secretary), Powell, Murray Bain, Ball, Duncan, and Falconor. After the meeting, a well spread tea was done full justice to by those present, and a very pleasant evening was spent. A facetious correspondent writing from "Fragrant streams and dreamy Island" to the Shanghai Mercury, and signing himself "Yours in a fog. Tom de Ningpo," says :- It is stated, on very slight, slender, and unreliable authority though. that the Hongkongites have become awars of the fact that the best possible lighthouses are of no avail in thick weather, unless fog signals are attached to him. To remedy this defect, inconvenience, and even danger to the navigation in the vicinity of Hongkong, it is intended (according to the same source of information) to follow 3.089.05 | the humane and wise example set by the semicivilised but demi-barbarous celestials, to provide the four lighthouses in Hongkong waters toute do suite with for signals. It is said that the Hongkong Fengshui Professors of Hermeneutics have selected, as an auspicious day for the inauguration of the Hongkong fog-signal service, the 1st April, 1888. As will be seen from a telegram published in

another column, 270 Chinese have been refused permission to land at Molfourne. The Chinese 301.427.72 | alluded to were passengers by the steamer A fahan: 201.97 which left here on the 27th March. The Agents 8.13 (Massra, Gibb. Livingston & Co.,) received a telegram a few days ago to the effect that the passengers had not been allowed to land, but as itwas understood the passengers were all willing over, as they had received no previous notice of any such intention on the part of the Governments of Australia, it was hoped that these passongers could be allowed to land. On Wednessday night, however, another telegram was received to the effect that the Governments of Australia had decided to prohibit entirely the immigration of Chinese to the Australian colonies. The Agents have laid the matter before the Government here, whom they have requested to tele-April, when the Colonial Secretary laid on the graph to Australia for further particulars as to table the continuation of the correspondence on the reason of this sudden notion. Several the establishment of the proposed lighthouse on steamers have left for Australia since the dethe Gap Rock. The Coroner's Abolition Ordin- parture of the Afghan, all carrying Chinese emiance was read a second time and left in Com- grants, and these also will, doubtless, find themshareholders in this Company was held at time and passed. The European Reservation | The bidding at the sale of Crown land at the Shanghai on the 25th April, Mr. E. H. Lavers Bill was read a third-time and passed. A fire back of St. Stephen's Church, on the 30th April, presiding. There were present :- Messrs. F. H. | occurred in Wing Lok Street on the 24th April, was, with one or two exceptions, anything going back to the jail, sure enough, there lay The Chu-KA-ZA Cup; value, Tls. 100; for China Bell, W. Brand, J. A. Hawes, H. R. Hearn, A. | which resulted in the total destruction of three but keen. The sixteen lots offered are on either ponies : weight for inches as per scale : winners | C. Westall, A. G. Wood, (Directors), F. C. | houses and the partial destruction of three others. | side of the new road being opened up by the Goof one race since 1st October, 1887, 71bs, extra : Bishop, J. F. Rodewald, V. D'O. Wintle, A. J. | The coolie strike, which has lasted about thirteen | vernment, from Fun Mo. street into the Queen's. two or more races, 10lbs. extra ; entrance, Tls., H. Carlill, Joseph Welch, R. Francis, E. M. days, and which on the 26th had assumed such pro- road, and the upset price was \$3 per square foot. Dermer, G. Clark, J. R. Michael, W. W. portions as to warrant the proclamation of the The first six lots, on the left hand side, starting 1 Clifford, J. K.: Morrison, A. S. T. Clifton, J. Peace Preservation Ordinance and a demonstra- from the Queen's road end, were not sold, no The SHANGHAI DERBY & Sweepstakes of Tls. Beattie, S. Walker, W. H. Anderson, H. I. tion of Military and Police, terminated on the Both bid being made for them. The last lot 15 each, with Tls. 100 added; for China ponies Price, H. J. Dyer, E. Burmeister, J. F. Chee- April. The Fire Brigade Sports were conclud- on that side, a corner lot, was pretty being bona fide griffins at date of entry; first tham, E. Jenner Hogg, C. M. Dyce, R. D. ed on the 24th April. A Chinese girl fell into briskly bid for and was brentually knocked pony to receive 75 per cent.; second pony, 15 Starkey, and A. Ross, Secretary, representing | the Harbour on the ovening of the 26th April and down to the Hon. C. P. Chater for \$3,200, or per cent.; third pony, 10 per cent; weight for in all 1,192 votes. \_\_\_\_\_\_ was promptly rescued by Mr. H. M. Thomsett. A about \$3.68 per square foot. The next four lots.

The Extremo Oriente is informed that counterfeit silver coins of the value of ten and twenty

By some means or other the escape of prisoners at Macao is a thing of no rare occurrence. We heavier than usual during the last six months of In the Supreme Court on the 3rd May, the read in the Extremo Oriente that two convicts effected their escape from hospital on the 27th to be dissatisfied. On the contrary, I trust the | who was admitted as a Solicitor in the Court of April, where they had been under treatment, Roadsters' Plate; first pony to receive 75 per dividends we are about to propose will be receive Judicature in England in 1880, be admitted to The enclosures of that institution are said to be cent.; second pony, 15 per cent; third pony, ed with satisfaction. It is too early to form an practice as a Solicitor in Hongkong. The Chief well guarded by sentries, and how the men suc-

SHANGHAI A fire occurred at Shanghai on the 23rd

An extraordinary general meeting of the An exodus of British men-of-war took place North China Insurance Company, Limited, was Mr. F. H. BELL seconded the resolution, which on the 1st inst. in this harbour, no less than held at Shaughai on the 19th April, when the five vessels—the Audacious, Mutine, Heroine, special resolutions passed on the 19th March

A collision occurred outside Ningne on the night of the 26th April between the Ichang and n small junk. The junk sank some 500 yards from Tiger Island, and the lohang had some of her guard knocked away. In consequence of the collision and fogs, the Ichang did not wrive

Passers by who have watched the steam dred- viz. LAMPLOUGH'S PYRETIC BALINE, ger Anding, occasionally working, and often It is a powerful and useful adjunct for procuring the resting,-the rests being due to the fact that she brisk action of the more powerful pargatives. With could not work at low water, and that there man who are accustomed to have not been a sufficient number of boats provided to carry away the spoil-will be astonished, at night in the Tropics, the Pyretic will be found an anvs the N. C. Daily News, to hear that she has already cleared out the mouth of the Creek to a viscera and give more life and vivacity to the system donth of 14 feet with a width of 120 feet. It is during the day. intended to increase the width of this channel to | An old Indian Staff Surgeon writes: "Taken the 220 feet, but the effect of the channel that has already been out has been to greatly increase the soour during the flow of the tide, and a good stiffners, and irritation of the skin, so characteristic

A sad death occurred at Shanghai on the 25th April, Mr. James Craig Kirkpatrick, second engineer of the steamer Changking, being all kinds. Smallpox. Measles, Thirst, Headache, sufficiented in his borth by gas given off by the Stonach, Liver, and Kidney Derangements, Vemiting imperfect combustion of the wick of a colon oil and Sea Sickness, Constipation, Indigestion, Heart lamp. Deceased not getting up in the morning, burn, Foverish Colds, Eruptive or Skin Complaints his cubin was sufered, when everything was Blood Poissons, &c. found covered with a filmy deposit of scot for 15 rears. and the deceased a nestrils were found blocked up Mr. Young writer: " For 15 years I have taken i with soot, which had been inhaled like a powder. every morning, and during the whole of that time Dr. Reid, who gave evidence at the inquest, said have never taken any other medicine non had a the burning of the wick would give off carbonic pocros. acid gas. The chief officer of the Chuncking. who also gave ovidence, said he was on one ocon- ly in Albunia. sion nearly choked by a lamp in a similar way. and was only awakened by the speezing and choking of a little terrier which he kept in the cabin. A vordict of accidental death was re-

nery," has caused us (Shanghai Conrier) to make | for any length of time. onquiries as to what it was intended to do with the property, and we learn on good authority that it is to be made into a wharf and godowns. A commany has been formed under the name of "The Union Wharf Company," and the required capital has already been subscribed or promised. The present buildings are to be converted into godowns, and made suitable for the storage of general merchandise, but principally. we believe, kerosine oil, and we are informed bonding privileges will be extended to these new godowns. It can be thus taken for grant- Company. ed that the enterprise is one almost solely promoted by Chinese, but we hear that a foreign firm will be appointed as secretaries of the new company, and that the working of the wharves will be in their hands.

## HANKOW.

The Hankow correspondent of the Shen-page says that the number of native tea firms has been reduced to nearly one half this year; as compared with the last season. Samples of the Ningchow green ten have already arrived at Hankow, and both its colour and taste are excellent. The new season's tea will probably arrive at Hankow in about ten days.

The Merchry says the claim against the C. N. steamer Wevelow, for colliding with a rice junk nt Tientsin, is likely to be a heavy one, as the junk has gone to pieces and the whole cargo of

collision took place at night inside the Black-Buoy. A pilot was in charge at the time. The Tientsin correspondent of the N. C. Duily. News says the railroad is progressing up the river towards Tientsin, and is expected to be completed in the course of two or three mouths. Building is active, several houses being in procoss of orection. Activity seems to characterism

rice is destroyed. Tls. 20,000 is mentioned. The

the place at present. The new Tug and Lighter Company, at Take are doing well with their tug-boat Sea Gull, by. towing in grain junks. The Company are now getting ready the first of their lighters, the sailing vessel Hak-lee, which is being dismasted at Taku, and in a few days will be ready to lighten It is said that the pravious rate of seven cents per picul will be reduced to five cents, and probably less. -- Mercuru.

The Chinese Times says: - An official proclamation has been issued in Poking; thanks again to Baron von Kettelor's spirited practical action, warning dealers in strawbraid for export against continuing the malpractices that have brought the trade into discredit and have done so much injury to the foreign merchants, who have been wronged by improper mixture, bad

condition, short lengths, &c. We (Chinese Times) regret to learn from Po -Arthur that a leakage has taken place through or nuder the coffer dam of the steam basin, which has proved too much for the pumping machinery to cope with, and there are said to be five feat of water now on the floor of the basin. This accident will probably somewhat delay the completion of the works, which otherwise were reported to be progressing rapidly.

The railway and coal wharf at Tang-ko, this side of Taku, and on the north bank of the Peiho. is now occasionally visited, says the Chinese Times. by steamers and sailing vessels. The wharf has deep water alongside, and good accommodation for mooring, discharging, and loading vessels. The place will soon become very important, as when the railway is complete, as it no doubt will be in FIHE WONG-NEY-CHONG DAIRY early autumn, the latest steamers of the season will load and unload there. In December last the Teresa discharged pieces of ironwork upon the wharf weighing nearly ten tone each.

# JAPAN.

We hear that Mr. James Troug. Her Ma jesty's Consul at Kobe, will succeed to the Consulate at Yokohama, rendered vacant by the regretted death of Mr. Russell Robertson, C.M.G. The Hyogo News says the Imperial Finance Department has given official notice that the Government has decided to dispose of the Milke coal mines to the highest bidder between now and the 30th of July next, at a reserve value of 4,000,000 yen, payment of which will be allowed to extend over fifteen years.

## YOKOHAMA.

The Jiji Shimpo hears that the Japanese Government are consulting over the provision of some regulations with regard to foreigners who are engaged in business under the names of natives, at many places outside the Foreign settlements. The number of these is said to have wonderfully increased of late.

From Yokohama papers we learn that H.B.M.

Charge d'Affaires has appointed, temporarily.

Mr. J. Carev Hall to be Acting Judge to H. M.

Court for Japan, and Mr. John Harrington Gubbins to acts as H. M. Consulat Yokohama, until the arrival from Shanghai of Mr. George The " CARLTON"-Il years old. Jamieson, Acting Judge. During the absence from Tôkyô of Mr. J. H. Gubbins, Mr. W. G. Aston will perform the duties of Acting Vice-Consul at the capital, in addition to his present functions as Japanese Secretary We (Japan Gazette) hear that a most disastrous conflagration occurred on the 8th April at a town called Yechizon, in Ohne. Opt of the 2,000 houses constituting the town, 1,800 were destroyed, and several persons lost their lives amongst whom was the chief officer of the Post Office. Several horses and dogs and a number | Only one quality consigned, the best. of fowls were also burned to death. The Kencho

people rendered homeless, and subscriptions on their behalf were being raised in the neighbouring districts. COCHIN-CHINA ...

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MELCHERS & Co Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. THE LATEST ADVANCE IN LIFE INSURANCE. THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1888. THENIX FIRE OFFICE The Undersigned are now prepared to FIRE at Current Rates. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office. Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE - COMPANY, LIMITED, Езтавывный 1870. HEAD OFFICE, -Hongkong. CAPITAL TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

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> NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. WHE MAN ON INSURANCE COM-PANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

CAPITAL (SUBSOBIBED), \$1,000.000. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. DUM SIN SANG, Esq. CHAN LI CHOY Esq. Q. HOI CHUNE, Esq. The Company GRANTS POLICIES

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No. 2; Queen's Road West, Hongkong, 14th March, 1881 NOTICE.

FARM having received by the Steamer JUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Hongkong 16th July, 1887. FIRANSATLANTICFIREINSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG. The Undersigned, having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are prepared to STRMSSEN & Co.,

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE

ASSURANCE COMPANY FINE Undersigned having been appointed A Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against

PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, 1st April, 1885. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are Prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at Current Rates. PUSTAU & Co.,

Hongkong, 18th January, 1884.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1888. BOARD AND RESIDENCE MRS. STAINFIELD, 55, Queen's Road East, has PRIVATE BOARD and RE-

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship Captain G. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 5thingt, at Four

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, 4th May, 1888. DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO. THE Company's Steamship

Captain Hunter, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th inst., NINE A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1888. 21 STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-SAKI, AND KOBE. (Passing through the INLAND SEA). THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"HYDASPES." will leave for the above places on TUESDAY. the 8th May, at DAYLIGHT. This Steamer has most Superior Accommodation for Passengers, both Ist-had 2nd Salson, and has the Electric Light. For Freight or Passage, apply to Superintendent.

Hongkeng, 23rd April, 1888. FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, AND HAMBURG, VIA. SUEZ CANAL. (Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AMSTEEDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

"IPHIGENIA." Cantain L. Voltmer, will be desnatched for the above Portson-TUESDAY, the 8th May, at Two P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to STEMSSEN & Co., Acents. Hongkong, 30th April, 1888. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE. STEAM FOR NGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE,

BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP. BREMEN. AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;

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Cargo will be received on Board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.u., on the 8th May, 1888. (Parcels are not to be sent on Board: they must be left at the Agoncy's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required. The Steamer bas splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. ..

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Hongkong, 14th April, 1888.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LI-OYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. STEAM FOR SINGAPORE PENANG COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ PORT SAID, BRINDISI, & TRIESTE. Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA.

LEVANT & ADRIATIC POETS). HE Company's Steamer " BERENICE." Captain E. Perini, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th of May, at Noon. For Further Particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya Central. O. BACHRACH, Hongkong, lat May, 1889. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. "ACHILLES." THURSDAY, the 10th May. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 27th April, 1888.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR TIENTSIN. THE Company's Steamship

"HOIHOW." Captain Gyles, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1888

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

·CHINGTU." Arthur, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 12th instant, at Company's Office until Free P.M. the day pre- corrected to a much later hour than that given The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are situated forward of the Engines. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage: A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIEE, Agents. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1888. FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL. HE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN," . W. Pearson, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 12th inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 4th May, 1888.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES). STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND BOMBAY, having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SHEZ, PORT SAID, THE American Ship MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEGHORN). and GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN,

Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD. HE Company's Steamship "BISAGNO," Captain Aufosso, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 18th inst., at TEN A.M. At Bouray the Steamers are discharging in PRINCE'S DOCKS.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Ca, Agenta. Hongkong, 4th May, 1888,

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MAR-SEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRIN-DISI, VENICE, AND LONDON;

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA. N.B .- CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS. MARSEILERS, TRIESTE, HAM-BURG, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "TEHERAN," Captain F. H. Seymour, wit Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, TO-DAY the 5th May, at NOON. Cargo will be received on board unt

4 P.M. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 P.M. on the day before sailing. Tea. Silk and Valuables for Europe will transhipped at Colombo, and General Cargo, a 1869 Bembay, arriving one week later than by the direct route via Colombo. For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S

Office, Hongkong. The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading:

E. L. WOODIN. Superintendent. Hongkong, 27th April, 1888. CANADIAN PACIFIC LINE. TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO

JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE, AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS-HE British Steamship

2.431 Tone Registor, Tiddy, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C. AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 8th May, at THREE P.M. To be followed by the S. S. "BATAVIA." on 15th May, S. S. " PORT ADELAIDE,"

on 1st June, and S. S. "PARTHIA," on 21st Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points by the regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers: Through Passage Tickete granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic

lines of Steamers. First-class Fares granted as follows:-To Vancouver & Victoria Mexican \$160.00. To San Francisco ...... 175.00. To all Common Points in Canada } 200.00. and the United States ..... 5 Te London ..... 305.00. To other European Points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers

of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des fined to Points in the United States, should be sont to the Company's Offices addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vauconver. B.C. Freight will be received on Board until 4 P.M.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. For information as to Passage or Freight ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1888.

on the 7th May.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS. NOTICE. STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, CO. LOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,

BLACK SEA PORTS. LEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, PORTS OF BEAZIL AND LA PLATA; LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, DUNKIRK, AND ANTWERP.

N THURSDAY, the 10th May, at 7th instant. Noon, the Company's Steamship MELBOURNE," Commandant Léquerré, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above Cargo and Specie will be registered for Lon- on the 3rd, and may be expected to arrive here den as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in

transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4-P.M. 9th inst. Specie and Parcels until 3 r.m., on the 9th May, 1838. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Hongkong, 28th April, 1888.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY. TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH MERICA AND EUROPE: YIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING

STEAMERS. THE Steamship "OCEANIC" will be will be found in the Daily Press Directory, despatched for San Francisco, via Yoko. p. 385 large edition, p. 701 small edition. This hams, on THURSDAY, the 10th May, at is the only authorised complete Summary of THREE P.M. Connection being made at Yoko. Postal information published in Hongkong. hama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan

ious to sailing. First-class Fares granted as follows :---To San Francisco ...... \$200.00 To San Francisco and return,? available for 6 months ...... To Liverpool To other European points at proportionate inst., at 4.30 P.M. rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers

Passengers, who have paid full fare, reembarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year months, will be For Singapore.—Per 1 allowed a discount of 10 / This allowance the 8th inst., at 1.30 p.m. does not apply to through fares from China and la an to Europe. Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the

Ban Francisco. For further information as to Freight A.M. or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company. No. 504. Queen's Road Central. C. D. HARMAN, Agent. Hongkong, 25th April, 1888.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

"PACTOLUS,"

Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs,

AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO: Taking Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to Hongkong, 7th April, 1888. FOR NEW YORK ... THE 3/3 L. 1. 1. American Ship

ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH Burnham, Master, will load here for the above

"TITAN." O. H. Allyn, Master, will load here for th above Port, and will have a quick despatch. For Freight, apply to PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1888.

VESSELS ON THE BERT

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAILSTEAMSHIP COMPANY. THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER. LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U.S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO," will be despatched for San Francisco, vià Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 19th inst., at THREE P.M., taking Passengors and Freight for Japan the United States and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities, of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico. Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers. Through Passage Tickets granted to England France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines

Steamers. First-class Fares granted as follows :-To San Francisco ......\$200.00 To San Francisco and return, available for 6 months..... To Liverpool To other European points at proportionate

rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers. of the Army, Navy. Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application. Passengers, who have paid full fare, reembarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice verse) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10%, from Roturn Fare. This allowance does not apply to through fares from

China and Japan to Europe. Freight will be received on board until 4 F.M. the day previous to sailing, Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full ; value of same is required. Consular Invoices to accompany Carg destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage and

Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central. C. D. HABMAN Agent. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1888. FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L II American Ship "CENTENNIAL." T. M. Bearse, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. THE 3/3 L. I. I. German Barque "F. H. DREWS." A. F. Rothbart, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have a quick despatch.

Hougkong, 6th March, 1888.

For Freight, apply to MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 24th April, 1888. MAIL TABLES.

Table and Almanae, for 1888 are NOW On Paper 10 cents, on Card 20 cents, cash. Daily Press Office.

THE MAIL TABLES, with Parcel Post

Hongkong, 25th February, 1888. MAILS EXPECTED.

THE CANADIAN MAILS. The Canadian Pacific steamer Batavia, with Curadian mails, left Shanghai on the 2nd, and is due here on the 5th May. The Canadian Pacific steamer Parthia, with dates to the 30th ultimo, left Vancouver on that date, and may be expected to arrive here on or

about the 3 th instant. THE INDIAN MAIL. The steamer Japan, with the Indian mail, left Singapore on the 3rd, and is due here on the 9th

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer City of Rio de Janeiro

PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND with the American mail of the 14th April, leaves Yokohama-on-the 5th, and is due here on the 11th instant. STEAMERS EXPECTED. The P. & O. Extra steamer Khiva left Singapere at 9 a.m. on the 2nd, and is due here on the

The D. D. R. steamer Lydia left Singapore on the 1st, and may be looked for here on or about the 7th instant. The N. G. I. steamer Bisagno left Singapore

on or about the 9th instant. The P. & O. Extra steamer Kashgar left Singapore on the 3rd, and is due here on the

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> LOCAL DELIVERY-No delivery is attempted on board Ship, at the Peak, Kowloon, Aberdeen, &c., nor at any private house (even though named in the address) when there is a place of business nearer, at which delivery can be effected. The Postal Guide for 1887, revised to date

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CHINESE PRISONS.

plan of a large stable, having an open cen- TRESCOTT. aren, and small cribs or stalls covered by a Washington Government have induced the do not consider this value to be

Government have done very much in this the nature of the difficulties in the path of As a suspected person will no longer enjoy. direction. Formerly their system left much | what is on the face of it a most desirable whatever advantages may be secured from to be desired, both on the score of humanity consummation. The federationists will pro- cross-examination of witnesses in the Police and of health. They have now, however, bably advocate the settlement of this pro- Court, the interests of justice demand that reformed the system; improved the gaols, blem on the lines of the American solution an opportunity of the fullest examination abolished torture—at least it is not allowed —in the shape of practical exclusion. But should be given at the inquest. by law-and have introduced labour on the British Government have various inuseful works and a reformatory system to terests to consider, and they will find the reclaim offenders. When will the Chinese question an awkward one to settle satis-We noted with no little satisfaction present friendly relations with China. But a statement in the Canton Kwang-pao sooner or later it will have to be faced, and prison life is the establishment within this confirm the above views.] building of a workshop to enable the prisoners to learn a handicraft and obtain the means of earning their subsistence. This is a distinct step in advance. Hitherto the prisoners have had to endure semi-starvation or rely on the alins of the charitable, which, when offered, did to earn the gratitude and esteem of the people of his provinces than all his erudition. and talent for writing/can over achieve.

THE NEW AMERICO-CHINESE TREATY.

ds of Chinese labourers to Cali- section 7 is intended.

be allowed to come in to fill the gaps which it is necessary to call a jury in every inquiry afforded by the Bill now in Council to have THE ACQUISITION OF LAND BY time we do not know; if so we should be domestic servants." There appeared to be from deaths or departures must make in the held by a Coroner, subjects jurous to great established the principle of publicity in all Some few of our readers, no doubt, have Celestial ranks. At length, to all appear- loss of time and inconvenience without any judicial proceedings. paid a asual visit for a few minutes to a ances, the Californians are within measurable proportionate, public advantage. Some-Chinese prison either at Canton or Shanghai, distance of the goal of their hopes—that the times, indeed, there is a positive disand still more are familiar with the repulsive Golden State may be preserved as a heritage advantage, as in cases where the Coroner's THE PROPOSED LIGHTHOUSE features of these establishments from read- for the white man. But are our American jury returns a verdict different from that aring the descriptions of them which have at friends quite certain that they have got the rived at by the jury before whom a person different times been published. It would best of the wary Son of Han? It seems to charged with murder or manslaughter may seem, from the account of a visit to a gaol at us either that the Chinese Government care subsequently be tried at the Supreme Court. Peking, reprinted in yesterday's issue from but little for Chinese interests in the Wes- Such contradictions are calculated to throw our Tientsin contemporary, that the metro- tern Republic, or that they are fairly satisfied doubt on the justice of the final verdict, alpolition prisons are no better than those in that the Treaty will not prove watertight, though it must be admitted that the the previncial cities. The same utter dis- Article III. contains a clause which gives Supreme Court jury is in a much better comfort, the same unspeakable filth, the some colour to the suspicion that it may not position to arrive at a correct decision than came collousness to suffering on the part of prove so impervious as at first sight appears the Coroner's jury. As the Magistratethe gaolers that obtain in the same in- to be the case. This clause runs as follows : under the new Ordinance, may commit any stitutions in other parts of the Empire are \_\_ "It is also agreed that Chinese labourers person for trial at the Supreme Court withto be found at the seat of Government. The shall continue to enjoy the privilege of tran- out further proceedings before himself or is a piece of horrors if for nothing but the any of the Central or South American Re- proceedings in such cases, instead of three; crimes or by outrageous fortune find their an indefinite period in the States or not de- Supreme Court. We can see only one way into these infernos. "All hope aban- pends mainly no doubt upon the manner in drawback to the abolition of Coroner's don ye who enter here" might indeed with which the new Treaty is enforced. But it is juries, and sat is that in cases where death that he inscribed over the decrease of a quitec onceivable that in some States it may has occurred under circumstances which do Chinese prison-that is, of course, if the be regarded as a dead letter; for the anti- not involve any criminal charge, the jury miseral le entrant be friendless and money- Chinese feeling does not exist in all parts of are sometimes able to make recommenda- his best attention, did not disguise the Union, and the Chinese may not be so un- tions for the removal of a danger which has his fears that it would be almost useless Whatever progress in other respects has welcome in some of the Southern States. Time been disclosed by the evidence, or for the to expect a reply from the Chinese Governtaken blace in China lately very little at will show, however, whether the Treaty will amendment of regulations which may be ment in time to permit of the work being tention has been given to prison reform. prove more effectual for the purpose for held to have contributed to the accident or commenced at the time mentioned, as in all The following description by Williams still which it was negotiated than the Treaty of not sufficiently to have guarded against it. probability it would be necessary to consult gives a very fair idea of Chinese gaols :- 1880 signed at Peking by the Special Com- It is not at all an uncommon thing for the Vicercy of Canton, within whose juris-

that each company of prisoners shall be hibition of. Chinese immigration into the cumbrous system which has little or no od delay has taken place and that no definite neck; one hand is liberated in the daytime nists find that a Treaty to secure their ab- unnecessity. them on half this allowance unless they are cheap labour has in each case aroused a sometimes. Quite recently there wasa and in he Continental gaols before the nuble amended to exclude Chinese emigrants from the time has come when it should be hearten John Howard commenced that Australia than to have the British Minister established by law. The present Bill, howcrusado against prison abuses which has con- | urge on the Peking Government the extension | ever, since it gives the Magistrate all the ferred imperishable fame upon his memory. of further trade facilities, such as the opening powers and privileges now possessed by a A Chi ese Howard is sadly needed. An of the West River to foreign ships and traders. Coroner, confers on him the right of holding continue reform in the structures, the system The Chinese question in Australia, is un secret inquiries. It is no less important that of confinement, and the mode of treatment doubtedly an obstacle in the way of Imperial the rights of the legal profession in respect of prisoners is called for. The Japanese federation, and its existence will go to show to death inquiries should be formulated.

THE ABOLITION OF THE OFFICE OF CORONER.

not always reach the most deserving. We do the Legislative Council on Wednesday last, to be tried on a committal by a magistrate, would be more equitable still to make it half sent day making their claims felt. But introducing this measure in connection with the if they do not choose to take out licences. entitled "The Coroner's Abolition Ordin- but bere, as in England, he could if neces- a cent, a ton for six years and to commence there is a danger of over-burdening youthful consolidation of the Ordinances, inasmuch as the they are perfectly at the Colony, the Magistrate may, if he con- with even open to its full significance. into the cause of death of such person with- MACEWEN as to whether it was intended extended over a longer term.

will be suffered to remain, but no more will vanced. The present system, under which Legislature would have taken the opportunity and fog signals are certainly necessary.

prisoner whose tragic end is described had sit across the territory of the United States any other Magistrate, he will doubtless fol, desired without further indefinite prolongaapparently been done to death by starvation, of America in the course of their journey to low the same course as a Magistrate sitting tion of vexations delay was to offer to the Chiexposure, and gross neglect. He does not or from other countries, subject to such on the Bench, and commit any person ness Government the choice of an exhaustive appear to have been tortured or heaten; he regulations by the Government of the against whom there appears a prima facie list of practicable proposals, such as are conwas punbably incarcerated for debt; but United States of America as may be necessary case of murder, manslaughter, assault, or tained in the letter in question. His Exbeing without funds to pay for food or com- to prevent such privilege of transit from criminal negligence. There is not likely, cellency wished to have a settlement arrived forts of any kind, he was slowly starved by being abused." That is to say, Chinese therefore, to be any failure of justice. The at in March last, so as to allow of the octhe flirty hearted gaolers. A Chinese gaol coolies bound for Mexico, Cuba, Panama, or new system will necessitate only two sets of suprtion of the rock during the south-west disgustingly insanitary conditions invariably publics can pass through the United States for at present there is the Coroner's in- impracticable to carry on the work of conprevailing in it, and which very quickly on route. Whether it will be possible for quest, the proceedings before the Magis- struction during the north-east monsoon, so sup the health of those who by their own such emigrants to linger on their way for trate, and the final trial before the thata delay of a few months means a delay

The risons are arranged somewhat on the missioners, Messrs. ANGELL, SWIFT, and juries to append a rider to their verdict. diction the Gap Rock lies. Apparently the While admitting that such riders, taken real court occupying nearly one-fourth of the One result of the ease with which the as a whole, have a distinct value, we what result we do not know—the subsequent roof extending nearly around it, so contrived Chinese Government to consent to the pro- great as to justify the continuance of a being confidential—except that the anticipat-

separated from each other night and day, United States will inevitably be to strengthen other merit to recommend it. There though more by night than by day. The the agitation for their exclusion from the are, of course, obvious reasons why it is prisoners cook for themselves in the Australian Colonies. The outery against desirable to retain the jury system as regards Hongkong Government are three in number court, and are secured by manacles and the admission of Chinese to Australia has inquiries into deaths occurring in the gaol, gyves, and a chain joining the hands to the spread to every colony, and when the colo- but as regards other deaths it has become

in order to allow them to take care of them- solute exclusion from the United States has | Two omissions strike us in the Bill, both selver. Helicous criminals are more heavily been signed at Washington they are likely of which are of some importance. The Cofromed, and those in the prison attached to to urge on the British Government the de- roner's Court is a private one, and not even. the judge's office are worse treated than the sirability of concluding a similar convention lawyers engaged by the friends of the deothers. Each criminal should receive a to limit the influx into Australian territory, ceased or by suspected persons can claim to daily ration of 20bs, of rice, and about 2 The circumstances of the two countries are be present as of right. In practice it is not cents to buy fuel, but the gaolor starves very similar; the competition of Chinese often that the Court is cleared, but it is able to fee them; clothing is also scantily furious opposition to their immigration on scandal in England because a Coroner wished provided, but these who have money can the part of the Caucasian working classes, to keep an inquiry private, he being a friend procure almost every convenience. Each and a clamour has been raised for legislation of that deceased's family; and lawyers are Secretary of State and the Governor of crib full of criminals is under the control of directed against the invaders. At the pre- not usually allowed the same latitude as they Hongkong favour the first of these suggesa turnkey, who, with a few old offenders, sent moment the anti-Chinese agitation in the are in the Police Court, the Coroner general- tions, and the community generally will naspend much time torturing newly arrived Australian Colonies is more vigorous and more ly informing them that their questions must turally take the same view. The choice, persons to force money from them, by which imperative than it ever has been. One Aus. be put as through the Court, although for however, now rests with the Chinese Gov. many 1 so their lives, and all suffer far more tralian journal has even gone the length of convenience they may be allowed to put them ernment, and should they choose to take the or life tenants, and the making over of for 1887. than the v do from the officers of Government. predicting that this question is almost cer- direct. It is desirable that these points business entirely into their own bands, Well n y the people oull their prisons hells, tain to prove the weapon by which union should be clearly disposed of in the Bill. merely accepting from Hongkong a contriand sur when a man falls into the clutches of with the mother country will be severed. It should be expressly provided that the button towards the cost, we have in the effithe gar ers, the flesh is under the cleaver." England, it urges, has large commercial in Court in which the inquiries are held ciency of the Chinese Lighthouse service an So littl government or order is there in Chi- terests in China, for the preservation of which should be open to the public. Otherwise ample guarantee that there will be no pracnese present that it is not an uncommon thing she is bound to do her utmost, and the con- a scandal similar to that mentioned above tical reason for dissatisfaction. There are exfor the orisoners to take charge and defy the servation of these interests may involve the as having occurred in England may at any the rowdes and ruffians tyran- sacrifice of Australian wishes. No doubt time arise here the weaker prisoners who have been seen as naving occurred in England may at any transcous reasons why it would be preferable Difficulties such as the Wn ship, show a figure weeker prisoners who have the light under the sole control of an Tooghow some years ago are things to be the over the weaker prisoners who have been the paper referred to quite forgot that often a danger of a miscarriage of justice if the local Government; it might, for instance, avoided. At the same time, now that so to caree ated for debt or on false charges, Australia also has a valuable trade with inquiries into deaths were held with closed in the event of war and a threatened attack many residents at the ports have their which to constantly trumped up by persons | China which will grow with her growth, doors. A prisoner, for instance, might be on the colony, be designable that the light families with them the necessity for country thesires of revenge or anxious to get rid of and will eventually become greater even able to boodwink the Magistrate, when his should be temporarily extinguished in order than that of the British Isles. In the presence guilt would be brought home to him if the not to facilitate the approach of the enemy and the foreign representatives may fairly be The fliction of torture, and the want of of a present evil future interests are always inquiry were conducted in the full light of by night; but so far as the mere efficiency human y shown towards prisoners generally, liable to be lost sight of, and our Australian public opinion and intelligence. As the of the service is concerned, the matter may especially to those who have not been con- kinsmen are much more concerned just now jury is to be done away with, it is more than safely be left in the hands of the Chinese to the acquisition of property for that purvicted, he the worst features of the Chinese with the invasion of the Chinese labourer ever important that no such inquiries should | they so desire. admini tration of justice, but the whole pri- than with the gradual expansion of Chinese be allowed to be held in secret. The son sy tem is dreadfully at fault. It is trade, and they would probably much prefer publicity which at present prevails is a even werse than that prevailing in England to see the British Treaties with China matter merely of custom and indulgence;

ironch d custom, whether it was one of the ance," is published in Saturday's Gazette, sary be tried just as well on the Coroner's the collection only after the light has been brains and teaching multa instead of the better Revision Commissioners, and it was suggested by lost when the slightest attempt is made by Magistrates or whether it came from a higher The Bill, as its title implies, abolishes the committal. The point has actually been established. If the collection is commenced multurn." The danger here pointed out by the Law Revision Commissioners that before they one person to make any other person cease ing himself with such a movement, do more lence or under suspicious circumstances, or desirable the office of Coroner should be We do not attach very great importance to

out a jury, and (in his discretion) with or that when the inquiry was made by the Maanti-Chinese faction in the Pacific Slope, standing that the cause of death did not gistrate may be held in private, and that discreditable to a port which ranks as the

GAP ROCK.

The delay in connection with the proposed Gan Rock lighthouse appears now to be due solely to the Chinese Government, In January last Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX addressed the British Minister at Poking re questing him to lay before the Chinese Government certain alternative proposals. In his letter to the Secretary of State reporting his action in the matter His Excellency said he had come to the conclusion that the only chance of attaining the end monsoon season this year. It is considered Sir JOHN WALSHAM, on receipt of the Governor's desputch, placed himself in communication with Sir ROBERT HART. who, while promising to give the matter

matter has been referred to the Viceroy, with correspondence with Sir John Walsham settlement has as yet been arrived at, The alternative proposals made by the

The first is that Hongkong should erect and maintain the light, paying a nominal ren for the occupation of the rock as an acknowledgment that the dominion remains with China; the second, that Hongkoug should erect the light and on its completion give possession of it to China; the third, that Hongkong should pay to China the sum of \$80,000 in consideration of the erection and maintenance of the light by the latter, the sum being increased to \$90,000 on condition of the light being completed and in use within two years from the 1st May. The

Lord KNUTSFORD, in his despatch to Sir WILLIAM DES VOUR, points out that where. THE CLASSICS AT THE CENTRAL as it is now estimated that an addition to ithe tonnage dues of 12 cent, per ton for two sears, or I cent per ton for three years, will more than realize the whole of the \$90,000 | the Central School for the last ten years and His Lordship desires to be informed on what report. Comparing the results of the year grounds the estimate has now been doubled. 1887, says Dr. Errer, with the results ex-We do not know how Mr. MARSH's estimate hibited by the previous year's examinations, was arrived at, but Sir William Des Voux's it is evident, that the Government Central is a perfectly safe one. The amount received | School not only maintains its high standard from light dues last year, at I cent per ton, successfully, but continues making solid

anthority but we hope that it will be per- office of Coroner, and enacts that the duties raised in the Supreme Court, and al- forthwith the dues will have to be paid by a Dr. Eirzu must, we think, be at once admit- proceeded to consolidate the existing Coroners' from his lawful calling. I have not the severe i with, and that it may prove the first hitherto discharged by the Coroner shall be though it did not go to a formal decision, number of vessels which will have been re- ted. The remedy, he says, appears to lie laws it was desirable this question, which had slightest doubt now. I had not yesterday—that more towards a scheme of prison reform discharged by a Police Magistrate. Section the dictum of the Judge possesses almost moved from the trade before the tolony, efforts of that sort have been made in various throughout the Two Kwang. His Excel. 6 provides that—" Whenever any person equal force. In fact, the question is one completed, while new vessels put on after- that which now includes the first class of should be disposed of lency Chang Chin-Tung would, by associate shall die suddenly, or by accident or viothat does not admit of debate. That it is wards will enjoy the benefit for nothing.
the Government Central School. If scholars the Government Central School. If scholars the Government Central School. The Bill was read a second time. whenever any dead body shall be found abolished in this colony all parties are agreed, this point, because although the ships may two longer, all the bigher subjects like Council went into Committee on the Bill. within the Colony or shall be brought into but it is well that the step should be taken change the owners will for the most part chemistry, book-keeping, Latin and mathebe the same, but still there is enough in it to matical drawing, and so forth, might be re- intended that when the enquiry was made by the written's minute of enquiry as to how many were siders an enquiry to be necessary, enquire In reply to an inquiry by the Hon. A. P. turn the balance in favour of smaller dues legated to this senior division, which even. Magistrate without a jury, it would take place agreeted yesterday on such charges and as to In connection with the lighting of the apwithout view of the body, and may determine gistrate without a jury it should take place proaches of the port it may not be inappro- division here recommended might be a good Under the existing law a preliminary enquiry stand the true position of things. I only know The Government of the United States have the cause of death, and make such order in public, the Attorney-General said it would priate to mention the subject of fog signals. step, but even so we think the objections to and there are conceivable cases where it might rumours have a considerable amount of consissucceeded in making a new treaty with China with regard thereto as he shall consider ne. not necessarily do so, that under the exist. These are argently required, and their ab- the inclusion of Latin in the curriculum far be desirable for the detection and punishment of tency, and point in the same direction, but still which should satisfy the most rabid of the cessary. Such enquiry may be held notwith- ing law a preliminary inquiry before a Ma- sence cannot be regarded as otherwise than outweigh any advantages there may be. The crime that the enquiry should be private. The convention signed at Washington on arise within the Colony." The only cases there were conceivable cases where it might third in the Empire. Vessele are frequently school time to the study of the dead lanthe 12th March last by Secretary BAYARD in which juries are to be summoned are those be desirable for the detained outside by fog, because there are guages has been called in question by veryand the Chinese Minister Chang YEN-HOON in which prisoners die in gaol or whenever ment of crime that the inquiry should be no signals to guide them through the past competent authorities in England. Allowprovides for the future absolute exclusion of any person shall suffer capital punishment. private, But the conceivable evils that might sages. The total amount of shipping that ing that the question may not be as yet

the Chinese labourer or coolie class from the Section 13 provides that "The Magis- result from private inquiries far outweigh entered the port last year was 6,401,887 removed beyond-debateable ground as reterritory of the American Republic. This trate shall have, in relation to the en- any conceivable evils that might arise from tons, and for this large trade not a single gards. European boys, inclining in fact prohibition is not to apply to the return of quiries provided for in sections 7 and 8, the publicity, which is the recognised anfeguard fog signal is provided. More than five years to the retention of classics in their case, as hinese labourers who have given hos- same powers in all respects as he possesses of the purity of the sumistration of jus- ago the Chamber of Commerce addressed regards Chinese boys we think the study of he proposed to leave the Bill in Committee in further now. I am forming opinions on the fortune, who, in short, have married or may possess in relation to any other pro- tice. In practice it is very seldom that the the Government on the subject, which, if they are correct, will be given right up families in the States; but ceedings taken before him, and may at the right of holding inquiries in private is exer- of the light dues over the cost of the service a waste of time. Exceptional cases there ling the Bill by the Acting thief Justice, which effect to before very long. I am sure I very ch persons will only be allowed to conclusion of any such enquiry commit any cised, because the force of public opinion for the maintenance of which they are levied. may be, as for instance wherea boy's parents required consideration. return under conditions of a very restrictive person for trial at the Supreme Court with- is too strong to permit of it, but occasion- It was pointed out that in 1881 the dues may wish him to study for the law or for r. To the stranger Chinaman, who cut further proceedings before himself or ally such a scandal does arise, as it did in collected amounted to \$20,755, and the cost medicine. Such cases can be very well proo go thither with no capital but his any other Magistrate." The figures "7 and England quite recently, when a Coroner, of maintenance to only \$7,465, showing a net vided for by private tuition. It is true we third time and passed. the United States are in future bar- 8" in the above section are apparently a for reasons of friendship, sought to keep a revenue of \$13,289. Lust year the gross have the Medical College, which will have to igidly as the interior of the Middle misprint for "6 and 7." A similar mistake particular inquiry private. The result on revenue from this source was \$83,000, while draw its students mainly from the Central King in is to the American settler. No occurs in section 8, which commences as fol- turally was that circumstances which would the cost of maintenance bad undergone but School. Students entering the College have with reference to this till that a clause be added unlawful opposition to the laws, and I am longe will it be possible for the Six Chinese lows:—"Whenever a Magistrate shall re- otherwise have been recorded only in one or little augmentation. The shipping interest to pass "in such subjects of preliminary after the present clause 8. This clause is intend. absolutely certain that the result would be a Comp vice at San Francisco to import quire a jury under section 8." Evidently two local papers were chronicled through is therefore amply justified in demanding education as shall be from time to time re. ed to meet as I understand, the question which very far greater loss in the future. (Applause). out the whole Press of the United Kingdom, that while it is taxed in this amount the quired." Latin is not as yet one of the

FOREIGNERS OUTSIDE TREATY PORT LIMITS.

In another column we reproduce from the Shanghai Mercury an article on the official obstructions placed in the way of foreigners acquiring landed property outside the Settlement areas. As our contemporary save, the reaty expressly stipulates that at the open ports or other places British subjects shall have the privilege of purchasing and occupying land. The article in question (Art. XII. of the Tientsin Treaty) runs :- " British subjects, whether at the ports or at other places, desiring to build or open houses . . shall make their agreement for the land or buildings they require at the rates prevailing among the people, equitably and without think this expenditure is to be regretted, so exaction on either side," In the French for as it may be required for that particular treaty it is provided that French subjects purpose; but we do think the ratepayers have arriving at the open ports may buy, build, very good grounds for objecting to pay for or hire houses in places to be arranged by giving a classical education to the sons of dering this matter afterwards with reference to the local authority with the Consul, it wealthy Chinese. We have more than once what was said by the Hon. Mr. Wong Shing and being understood that the land to be oc- in this column expressed the hope that what I said in reply to him, it occurred to me cupied at the open ports shall not be limited, the Central School might in course of that there would be considerable danger of diffibut shall be determined according to the time develop into something of the naneeds and convenience of the parties concern- ture of a university. That, of course, is ed. With the growth of the foreign popula- looking a long way into the future. If, tions at the various treaty ports, and the however, the transition stage is already com- jestionable than any others if growth of family life, a desire to acquire moneing, then the time has arrived when ligible sites for residences outside the towns | there should be a revision of the terms on has naturally developed itself. According which the advantages of the institution may to the strict reading of the British treaty any be enjoyed. In any case, we maintain very great difficulty, if once a building of the one has a perfect right to acquire possession the advance should be in the direction of land, if he can make arrangements with science rather than of the classics, and the owners, beyond the settlement area, as for the present at all events, with the coast well as within it. But it has been ruled that of pupils now in the sphools, the teaching "other places" was only incended to mean of Latin is more likely to confuse than to the immediate neighbourhood of the open improve the intellect. ports, and from the reading of the French treaty it would seem that this is so. But it would appear that objections to the purchase of land just outside the limits of the settlements. are now being advanced and insisted on to a held on the 27th ult. There were present:much greater extent than formerly. This

must be excessively annoying to the parties concerned, who, having made satisfactory arrangements with the owners, find that they cannot obtain possession owing to official obstructiveness. On the other band, it must be admitted that foreigners cannot well claim to enjoy both exterritoriality and a right of unrestricted residence. At the same time, as liberal an interpretation ought to be given to the regulations governing residence as can be done without danger to good government or incurring the risk of popular disturbances. The Chinking residents would seem, from the statements of our contemporary, to have good cause of complaint. Each case, however, must be judged on its own merits. We note that at least one of the cases mentioned in the article in question refers to what appears to be temple land, money votes. With respect to property of this description too much caution cannot be exercised. Even assuming that the legal title rests with the priests, their equitable rights over the pro-

such property to foreigners, and the erection of foreign buildings thereon, is calthe populace, who have been accustomed to the Gap Rock. look upon the temples and their surroundings as to a certain extent public property

residences is making itself increasingly felt. called again to use their influence to secure greater liberty to their nationals in regard pose than is onjuyed at present.

SCHU(IL)

To those who have followed the history of required, in Mr. Marse's desputch of the 25th | are acquinted with the difficulties it has enof November, 1886, it was estimated that a countered, it must be satisfactory to find that in carrying out the programme, and in the one case in tax of Icent per ton would only realize \$15,000 institution spoken of in such unequivocal which a steam engine was used I had previously per aunum, or \$45,000 in three years, and terms by rue Inspector of Schools in his last limited to fifty pounds.—I have the honour, &c.,

H. E. Wodenouse, Supt. Fire Brigade. was \$33,000. It is proposed to double the progress year by year. The Chinese classes dues, so that in three years the increase of of the School, we are told, shewed on the in exceptional cases—the case of prisoners dying great deal of abominable language used, and my In moving the second reading of the Co- revenue from this source would amount to whole satisfactory results, but especially so in the gaol and where it is desirable that the coolies were told something to the effect that roner's Abolition Ordinance the Attorney- at least \$90,000, unless there should be a the Anglo-Chinese division, where very check upon the authorities that is afforded by they were not to carry foreigners. That is Government follow this excellent example? factorily and at the same time maintain their General is reported to have said:—"The large falling off in the tonnage entering the marked progress has been made. Dr. Erret the enquiry by a jury from outside should be going on, and immediate steps should be taken Coroner's inquest has not hitherto had the port, which is in the last degree improbable: then goes on to remark on the addition of continued. Except in that case enquiries into and detectives put about the streets to stop it. Coroner's inquest has not hitherto had the port, which is in the last negree improvable. then goes on to remark on the addition of solden deaths and deaths under sus. I saw a lot of jurickshas laid up with the seats picious circumstances will be conducted under taken out, and it strikes any person who walks in March last to the effect that the we can only hope that tact and determination by way of William Marsis despatch was written, the School. "In the early years of the Governthe Bill by a Magistrate sit- the streets that more active measures should be prisons of the Nam Hoi and Pun Yu Ma- tion will be brought into play when the time prosecution cannot be founded upon it." If the light dues amounted only to \$26,000, ment Central School," he says, "anything ting alone and with or without a view of the body taken than are being taken now to suppress this we are not greatly mistaken this statement the estimate baving been \$25,000, and beyond a partial mastery of the English as he may consider expedient in each case. The state of things. tablished a new prison at the barracks near [The Eeuter's telegram since received is erroneous. The Coroner's inquest has likely language was viewed by the Chinese boys of Coroner's inquest has not hitherto had the same | His Excellency—With regard to the quest the North Cate for the accommodation of stating that 270 Chinese labourers have been hitherto, we believe, had exactly the same to be received from the proposed increase the School as an irksome burden and as a significance in this colony that it has in England. tion of the hon, member, I may say that it is criminals sentenced to lengthened terms of refused permission to land at Melbourne significance in this colony as in England, of 1 cent per, ton; was perhaps in waste of time, but after a while, little by Legal proceedings by way of prosecution can; imprisonment. A new departure in Chinese and have to return to Hongkong tends to neither more nor less, and legal proceedings tended to allow a large margin for safety— little, they came to appreciate mathematics be founded upon it, and, as far as the mere by way of prosecution could be founded on an unnecessarily large margin, we should say, also and chemistry, and at one time (1-70) quiry goes, it has been considered, that it. The English law on the subject was and indeed the result has proved it to be so. even the theory of music and drawing were tively carried out by a Magistrate sitting lione; to consider the matter, as I told these people, adopted in its entirety, and it is by that law, As to whether the sum required should be included among the subjects taught in the and there will be the advantage that a large but not when organised resistance to the laws and not by any local Ordinances, that the raised by an increase of one cent per ton for school. Chemistry, which for some years number of gentlemen whose time is no doubt of of the Colony is going on. When I say organised duties and powers of the Coroner are regu- three years or a cent and a half for two, we dropped out of the programme, and book- great value to them will not be subjected to the resistance I do not mean refusal to take out lated. In England, as here, it is usual for should say the smaller increase for the longer keeping, which has been taken up in several inconvenience of having to attend inquests and licences. We have no right in any way to The Bill read a first time at the meeting of a person accused of murder or manslaughter term is decidedly the more equitable, and it of the Grant-in-Aid schools, are at the pre- view bodies. The opportunity presented itself of compel or coerce people to take out licences: can be induced to stay in school a year or

tually might be affiliated with some English in public. university." The formation of the higher wisdom of devoting a large proportion of

there to compete with Caucasian Against the general policy of the Bill, Still, if only to prevent the possibility of Government should provide all necessary subjects in which candidates have to pass.

inclined to question the wisdom of the de- the discussion that arose on these terms some cision; but if Latin were required for this purpose we still maintain that it is beyond the by the new section to remove all doubt and to knowledge of the language for this purpose not be permitted within the European district, would have no difficulty in obtaining private | yet it will be competent for the Governor, on beto impact a sound education in English and to by the hon member opposite (Hon. Wong Chinese. The expenditure on the institution last year was \$11,872, the average expense of each scholar, calculated by the envolment, and not intended for habitation, is comtemplatbeing \$19.75, or calculated by the average ed, to grant permission to erect it, if he think fit, daily attendance, \$26.40. Holding, as we The section runs " Notwithstanding anything do, that it is the duty of the Government to in this Ordinance, the Governor may in his displace a good English education within easy cretion permit the crection, within the Euroreach of the Chinese population, we do not pean district, of buildings of any type of ar-

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, Sir WIL LIAM DES VŒUX: K.C.M.G. Hon. J. Russell, C.M.G., Acting Chief

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Hon. P. RYRIE. Hen. Wong Shing. Hon. A. P. MACEWEN. Hon. J. BELL-IRVING. Hon. C. P. CHATER.

The minutes of the last meeting were and confirmed.

Mr. A. SETH, Clerk of Councils.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table two minutes by His Excellency, recommending Referred to the Finance Committee. ERPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE ORSER

The COLONIAL SECRETARY Isid on the table perty are no greater than those of trustees the report of the Director of the Observatory

THE GAP ROCK LIGHT HOUSE The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the tab the continuation of the correspondence on the culated to raise bostile feelings amongst establishment of the proposed light-house on

His Excellency—There is a letter from the She to somothing that locaurred in Council the other day, which I think should be read and given the same publicity as the statement to proached me when they first heard of the new law,

The CLERK then read the following letter :-Fire Brigade Department. Hongkong, 23rd April, 1888. Sir.-With reference to the remarks reported to be ande by Mr. MucEwen at the last meeting of the Legislative Council regarding the Fire Brigade, have the bonour to report that I wrote to enquire

what it was at the Inspection that made him form the opinion that in the existing state of the Fire Bugade the colony was in danger of as great if not greater calamity than that of 1878. Mr. MacEwon raplied that his remarks referred the appliances and that none of the jets of water that he saw would have reached up to the top of a four-

As Mr. MacEwen appealed to His Excellency to bear him out in the same conclusion. I have the honour to report that no attempt was made to test the capagiven an order in writing that the pressure was to be lence is well aware, the commercial community

THE CORONER'S ABOLITION ORDINANCE. the second reading of the Coroner's Abelition | dating others. I myself had an example of Ordinance. The object of the Bill is to abolish this. I was travelling in a chair past the Central the office of Coroner and to transfer the duties | Market. A man came up and attacked the two of Coroner to one of the Magistrates. It is coolies who were carrying me. I am quite sure proposed to do away with Coroner's juries except there was intimidation used, for there was a

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL-Not necessarily. | able to deal with the matter better when I under-His Excellency—They are held in private statement. In consequence of the abundance of sometimes in England, I believe?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL-Yes.

would be rarely exercised: still there are cases as to the extent of the intimidation. where it would be convenient that the enquiry | Hon. P. Ryrie-The occurrence I speak of should be held privately. At the conclusion of the consideration of the be ready to pounce on these people immediately. clauses of the Bill. HIS EXCELLENCY said that

The Bill was accordingly left in Committee. THE BATING ORDINANCE.

THE EUROPEAN RESERVATION BILL.

proper province of the Central School to make it perfectly clear that while tenements and teach it. The young men who required a houses for habitation of the Chinese type will tuition. The function of the Central School is ing satisfied that such a building as was referred Shing), for instance, a Chamber of Commerce or a building for a museum or for other useful publie purposes, and distinctly for public purposes. chitecture, if he be satisfied they are intended for useful public purposes other than that of habita-

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded. HIS EXCELLENCY-I may say that on consi-Chinese type being permitted in the European

ness type were allowed to pass unquestioned, although it were not fitted up for being inated by a large number of people, in preventsubdivisions being made afterwards and here would be a great probability of our being ibliged to be continually on the watch to see that such buildings were not being inhabited in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance. On the whole, therefore. I think there will be no very great hardship in a law existing that buildings for habitation in this dirtrict, whether inha-A meeting of the Legislative Council was bited by Europeans or Chinese or by people of any other race, should be of reason I have introduced this clause for the purpose of meeting the objection very properly raised by the Hon. Mr. Wong Shing, limiting Hon. F. STEWART, LL.D., Colonial Secretary. | the buildings of other type than Chinese within

the prescribed district to such as are intended to to be raised for a useful public purpose other than babitation. Of course this clause will not preclude a few care-takers from living on the premises. The amendment was agreed to. The Bill was then read a third time and passed THE REPLY TO THE CARGO BOATMEN'S PETITION. His Excellency—Before going further I think it well to mention that there has been published in the papers this morning what purports to be a translation of an answer of mine to the cargo boat coolies. Of course I am not

able to say whether it is a correct translation or not, as I am not able to understand Chinese my-All I can say is that it is very different from what I said in English. I shall take an opportunity of making known what I really wrote, to prevent misconception, as some parts of the translation that appeared are so foreign to what I really wrote. I know the enormous difficulty there is in translating English phraseclory into Chinese, but making all allowance for change in the structure of the sentences and so on, there are still one or two sentiments that are absolutely foreign to what I said.

The Colonial Secretary then read the original reply of His Excellency, which ran as

- That having a deep sympathy with the labouring passed before my arrival in the Colony, had they aphave, however, been misled by bad advisers into the wrong means of obtaining my intervention, and have entered into a combination for resisting compliance with the law. It is necessary for them to learn that British Government does not give way to intimidation, and that I cannot entertain their griovances while they maintain their present attitude of resistance. While much regretting the serious loss they are inflicting on themselves, I, as their best friend, must warn thom that if they prolong their cessation from labour, the community will gradually loarn to do without it, and thus their means of livelihood will be al-

Hon! P. RYRE-Is the subject of the strike before the Council? His EXCELLENCY—You are quite at liberty to make any motion or put a question on the

Hon. P. Ryrie—The public are very anxious to know what is being done. As your Excelof the place are suffering vary serious inconveniency. I myself am of opinion that there is not sufficient supervision on the streets The ATTORNEY-GENERAL-I have to move and Praya to provent mon from intimi-

> t for me at the present moment to discuss no goodness or badness of the regulations that were passed before I came to the Colony. The

districts. That brings the matter into a cate-- gory that renders anything like consideration rievances impossible. My attention has al-At a subsequent stage of the meeting the ready been drawn to a number of statements with regard to offences in the way of intimida-Hon. A. P. MACE WEN asked whether it was tion to prevent lawful work, and I have already whether those statements are true. I shall be I do not know of their truth from any direct these rumours I have as I have already said written a minute enquiring how many persons, His Excellency-Of course such a power if any, have been arrested in consequence, and

took placest one o'clock. I think the police should His Excellency-I cannot say anything deeply regret the loss to commerce and to everybody concerned. I see, however, that anything like concession at this moment would The Rating Ordinance of 1888 was rend a have the worst possible effect. However, honest and straightforward and however justified by fact the concession might be it would be con-

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL-I have to move strued by ignorant people to be a concession to was raised with reference to the use of the words! At a subsequent stage of the meeting HIS "type of house" which occur in the 3rd section. | EXCELLENCY said-With further reference to The Chinese now living there no reasonable objection, we think, can be ad- such a scandal, we should have thought the state navigation of the passages, Whether it is the intention of the authorities shall mean any tenement of the type usually de- that he did mention the matter because it is one of the College to include it at some future signed for habitation by Chinese other than of vast importance to the Colony-I may mention

from the Tung-koon coolies, who, I been infimidated about their work and requesting which I den't hear. protection in going to their work to-day. I at once sent instructions that very special protection how or other. (Laughter). should be given not only to them but to all who showed the least inclination to return to da'y. I believe these Tang-koon men number very large body, and I should like to know whether they went to their work ta-day. Perhaus some one can give me information on the subject. I was told there wore some four thousand of them. It seems old that four thousand should be intimidated. If it is true that four thousand people were intimidated it must be very serious indeed, the strength of these secret powers which are moving in the matter. Can you (to | ult :-the Captain Superintendent of Police) my if any

of these people went to work to day ? . The CAPTAIN-SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE -Some of them did, your Excellency. They ence on the subject of the proposal to erect a have asked me to arrange for their protection Lighthouse as a guide to vessels approaching and I have told them that if they will tell me Hongkong and Canton River from the South, I where they are going to work I will be happy have the honour to inform Your Excellency that to assist them. I asked them to tell me where the Government of this Colony, in accordance they were going to world. The difficulty was with the unanimous epinion of the maritime exthat they were going to work all over the colony. juris who have been consulted on the point, has I said I could not give a policeman to every decided that the only proper position for the knot of coolies, but if they would tell me where Lighthouse is on the Gap Rock, and that the they wished to go I would send police there. Hon. P. Rynte-I don't believe in patrolling gested would be werse than necless as likely to in a case of this kind at all, becaus I have seen a create danger to vessels rather than avort it. patrol marching along and before it was lifty | 2 .- Under these circumstances as the provision yards in front a man beg in to yell and pull down of the light in question is of great and growing the Southward, I have the honour to forward to placards. Usaw that at the last riot. The thing importance to the trade of this Colony, and inis to have, the police stationed at the various deed to the trade of China, I should be much

His EXCELLENCY-I quite agree with Mr. this Colony, lay before the Imperial Government Ryrie that we ought to take care that one police of China the three following alternative proare policemen and don't become soldiers. After possis for the screetien of a Laghthouse at the in favour of which there is a very strong and all we have soldiers for a medicular purpose, and | Gap Rock as described in the annexed paper. they will be resorted to to regress ony dangerous | and serious riots, but I don't think the police i ience here may teach a different view; I can't say till I know more about it.

ADJOURNMENT. The Council adjourned until Monday, 7th

## THE FINANCE COMMITTER.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on the 27th ult. after the Legislative Conneil. The Colonial Secretary presided.

RAILS FOR THE PARADE GROUND. A vote of \$565 for new posts and rails on the Parade Ground, recommended by the Governor. was approved of.

recommendation by the Governor to the Council to vote \$720 for the salaries of four additional clerks in the Past Office, at \$30 per month each. from the 1st June to the end of the year. The Postmaster-General in a long letter had shown that it was impossible with his present staff to carry on the largely increased that was entailed on the department by the frequent mails now arriving: He asked the Colonial Treasurer to explain the circumstances. The COLONIAL TREASURER-I cannot give abatter example than has harmened to-day. Every officer was present in his place this morning at seven o'clock, which means getting up before six Every officer, except myself, is at work at this moment as hard as he can go, and will be at it probably nutil seven or half past seven this A considerable number will be at office again at seven o'clock to-morrow morning. although they may not have such a hard day as to day. It has now come to be a matter of weekly occurrence that we have a day of twelve hours

day? Only the French mail to Shanghai. The COLONIAL TREASURER-Only the French mail! You forget that there was a mail in from Europe this morning and the American mail is coming in at this moment. There is the whole of the correspondence for China and Japan to be sorted. Putting the word " only " before it does not make the work any lighter. (Laughter).

Jon. P. RYRIE-What do they do in London. The COLONIAL TREASURER-Thoy have 2,000 men in the immediate neigh ourhood with Your Excellency only after receiving the who are willing to come in, and work for so consent of Her Majesty's Government to the much an hour. They are more or less trained above proposals, and have forwarded a copy of for the work, they know the ropes, so to speak i If you want a couple of hundred mon extra, they i are delighted to come, and work for four or five - hours, and if you want 500, you can get them. of its contents by Her Majesty's Government. Here you cannot get a single extra man. The CHAIRMAN-You get the assistance of

two soldiers do you not? The Colonial TREASURER-I got one man this morning, the other was on parade. The CHAIRMAN-But they are confined to sorting nowspapers ?

The COLONIAL TREASURER-YES. Hon. P. Ryrre-There is very general dissatisfaction at the English mail closing at five o'clock, when the steamer does not leave till the next

The COLONIAL TREASURER - One of the bankers of the Colony was only this morning expressing to me his great satisfaction that the mail was kept open no longer than it is. How- His Excellency Sir John Walsham, Bart., ever, I may say this, that I am willing to entertain any remonable suggestion. Hon P. Ryarg-1 should say seven o'clock

would be early enough. The Colonial Treasurer -I am willing to keep it open till half-past eight, but one thing

I will not do, and that is, I will not keep it open Hon. P. Ryrte-No one asked it. The Colonial TREASURER-No one asked

it, but there are numerous people who think it ought to be kept open all night. Some people never begin their letters till eleven o'clock. A young fellow who has been playing billiards all night, sits down to write to his mother that he is so frightfully overworked that he cannot write a long letter by that mail; and he thinks the mail ought to be-kept open all night for

addressed to me. If there is, as Mr. Ryrie sava. no one should have addressed me. I have not

till half past eight. The COLONIAL TREASURER-I am willing to keep it open till half-past eight; further than that I should not be disposed to go. But I

community here whether that will be sufficient. would be very good hour. give us time to get to dinner.

in the office for extra clerks? room, but there is really very little room. So without delay. long as they are not expected to live there I can

manage with them.

from twelve till five, under ordinary eircumto be? English, Indian, Portuguese, any of these three

nationalities, or Gorman. competitive examination. The Colonial TREASURER-I cannot do with Chinese. Hon. P. Ryrie-Eurasians?

The COLONFAL TREASURER-In European jurisdiction the Gap Rock lies. clothes, yes. I would take the opportunity of saying that if there is distatisfaction on postal matters, I wish people would let me know. Postal i matters, unfortunately are settled anywhere but in the Post Office-at dinner tables at the Peak. in the hall of the Club, anywhere but in the Post within two hours everything that could be done vernment of Hongkong, on the condition of the concluded to wait until daylight before attemptto set matters right was done. If people who occupation of the Rock being sanctioned in re- ing to work the ship off; sounded the different bridge at the time. The telegraph was at full

believe, are very numerous, stating that they had but I cannot undertake to take notice of gossip Hon. P. Ryrie-You seem to gather it some-

The vote was passed, and the Committee then

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING PROPOSED LIGHTHOUSE ON GAP ROCK.

The following correspondence was laid on the of the Legislative Council on the 27th

Government House,

Hongkong, 16th January, 1888. SIR.-With reference to previous correspond display of a light at any other of the sites sagobliged if Your Excellency would on behalf of

ought to act as soldiers. I don't know whether Lighthouse and to maintain the light entirely at be good enough to cause the approval of Her the principle has been followed or not, but I do its own cost and by means of its own employes. Majesty's Government to be communicated to think wherever an open breach of law takes being permitted to occupy the Rock in considerplace there should be acrest at once. As to large ation of the maintenance of such light, and of parades by police. I think these are rather the the annual payment of a nominal rent as acknowfunctions of soldiers. However, possibly exper- ledgment that the dominion remains with China.

> The Government of Hongkong to erect the Lighthouse by means of its own employes, and, on its completion, to give possession of it to the Imperial Government of China on an undertaking of the latter to maintain the light, or to permit the Government of Hongkong to do so.

Imperial Government of China the sum of practicable proposals, such as are contained in \$30,000 in consideration of the erection of the the letter in question; and though I have not Lighthouse and maintenance of the light by the laid the matter formally before the Legislative latter, it being at the same time agreed that if Council. I have satisfied myself that the memthere should at any time be failure on the bors, un-official as well as official, will give part of the Imperial Government of China to cordial support to the action taken and, rather maintain the light, the Government of Hong- than there should be further delay in the matter, kour would be permitted to do so. Though the would guldly support an increuse of the pre-THE POST OFFICE AND THE HOURS OF CLOSING above sum is believed to be a very full estimate | riously suggested tax on the shipping of the of the cost of the work, if executed by the port, and vole such addition to the existing dues The CHAIRMAN said the next minute was a Colony, the Government of Hongkong, with a las will cover the whole expense involved in the view to facilitate negociation and to assist acceptance of any one of the alternative proposals. towards rapid execution, is willing to increase | 3 -1t is estimated that an addition to the tonthe payment to \$90,000 on condition that the mare dues of 15 cout per ton for 2 years; or Lighthouse is completed and in use within a cent per ton for 3 years, will more than realize period of two years from the 1st of May next. the whole of the \$90,000 required. 3.—The occupancy of the Rock temperary or 4.—The mercantile community believe, otherwise for any of the purposes mentioned in may gather their opinion from that of the lead

the above alternative proposals would not involve ing merchants in the Legislative Council, that perial Government require to part with territory. worth the outlay involved even in the provision the heaviest cost to the Colony, and no cost at mission to occupy a barren uninbabited rock of

5. -In view of the willingness of the Colony to obliged if you would inform ma by cable whether bear the whole cost and responsibility of a work | the proposals above referred to have not met which will largely benefit the Imperial Govern- your approval or disapproval,-I have, &c., work, and think ourselves lucky if we do not have | ment, I carnestly hope that Your Excellency may be able, without further delay, to induce the Hon. P. Rykin-What mails are going to acceptance of one or other of the above proposals, and thus enable the successful accomplishment of a project which has been the subject of such prolonged, and hitherto, profitless, discussion:

6.-Moreover, to save the loss of another year in the commencement of the work it is important that the matter should be settled by the second or third week in March so as to permit of the occupation of the Rock at the senson during which access to it is comparatively easy. For delay which would be involved in communicating this letter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies with the request that Your Excellency may be informed by telegraph of the approval

7.-I need hardly say that this Colony would be under great obligation to Your Excellency if you were able to obtain the early erection of the Lighthouse on terms lass onerous to it than those proposed, and I trust that you will agree with me in considering that the Imperial Government of China might fairly make some concession on the point, in view of the large recent increase to its fleet, and the importance to the latter as well as to our mercantile marine of a provision for saving of time and increased security in the appreach to this Port and the Canton River.-I have, &c.

G. WILLIAM DEB VOUX. Governor. H.B.M. Minister, &c., &c., &c., Peking.

your most obedient humble servant. ENCLOSURE IN LETTER No. 2/G OF 16th JANUARY, 1:88: A flashing first-order great sea-light to be erected on the Gap Rock, South of Hongkong. &c., &c., &c.

Estimated height of rock 90 feet. Height of tower 30 feet. Height of light above sea-level lency Sir J. Walsham "Confidential."] Derrick and apparatus for hoisting and land-

ing persons and stores. Keepers' quarters, watertanks, and typhoen-proof out-buildings complete.

Peking, 9th March, 1888. Sir. - I had the however to receive on the 11th | April at 5.30 a.m., and experienced fine weather of February your Excellency's Despatch of the until the evening of the 14th, when the wind at Hon. P. Ryrie-I think it might be kept litth of January last bearing upon the long E.S.E. increased to a gale, with thick rainy pending question of the erection of a Lighthouse | weather. Made Husi Saki light at 10 p.m., but

create rather than avert danger. the Colonial Government to Her Majesty's Go- north three miles; at 7.30 a.m. Hon. J. BELL-IRVING-Have you got room vernment and asked that, should it be approved, departure from there for Turnsbout

them before the Government.

public interest that I had a petition last | have complaints would let, me know, everything | turn for a nominal " Royalty" as an acknowledg-Directly I am made acquainted with the views of the Chinese Government I shall have the honour of bringing them to Your Excellency's knowledge. I have the honour to be, Sir, your Excellency's most obedient, humble sorvant, JOHN WALEHAM.

His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong,

Government House,

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1888.

receipt of Your Excellency's letter of the 9th stant, bearing upon the question of the erection of a Lighthouse on Gap Rock, and I desire in the matter,-I have &c., G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX:

SIR,-I have the honour to acknowledge the

Government House,

His Excellency Sir John Walsham, Bart

H.B.M. Minister, &c., &c., &c., Peking.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1888. SIR .- Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of a proposed Lighthouse for the guidanca of vessels approaching Hongkong from you copy of a letter which I have addressed to Sir John Walsham, Her Majesty's Minister at Peking; and, with a view to save if possible the delay of another year in the commencement of a work of pressing importance to the Colony and unanimous public opinion. I would earnestly request that if you see no objection to the alter-The Government of Hongkong to erect the | native proposals contained in the letter, you will

on the subject of this Lighthonse, and in view of the fact that the proposals of Sir Bobert Hart referred to in the previous correspondence have recently appeared to have reference to erection on one or other of the sites which, though more easy of access are. I believe unanimously, condemned by experienced sailors. I have come to the conclusion, in which the Executive Council manimously concur, that the ouly chance of attaining the end desired without further indefinite prolong. ation of vexations delay is to offer to the Chinese The Government of Hongkong to pay to the Government the choice of an exhaustive list of

the dominion," so that in no case would the Im- the saving of time to shipping would be well 4. Though the first proposal would involve of the whole cost both erection and maintenance. 5 .- An ontside estimate for main tenance would. all to the Government of China beyond the per- I am informed, be \$8,000 per annum; but in view of the reluctance of the Chinese Governonly a few square feet in extent, this Govern- ment to part with territory, even under lease, i ment would, on the whole, prefer it, as affording is probable that the proposal would be preferred the best prospect of permanently securing an ob- under which this cost will not fall on the Colony ject of so much importance to our commercial 6.—Independently of the suggested communi cation with Sir John Walsham, I should be much

> G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, The Right Honourable Sir Henry T. Helland

Bart, M.P., G.C M.G., &c., &c., &c.

Downing Street, 25th February, 1888. 2 .- You will have already received my tele-

Walsham.

his estimate has now been doubled. 4.—I should also be glad to be informed when the vessel was on fire, a fact which was it over myself. ther the sum of \$30,000 entered in the estimates | doubtless due to the carelessness of the natives. | By Commander Buckner-After the ship for 1888, under extraordinary public works, for as owing to the valuable loot on board it is high- struck, the helm was left hard a starboard. The had never been treated with discourtesy by any no material opposition was offered by the "Lighthouse for southern approach to the har- ly improbable that they set fire to her purposely. captain did not come into the wheel-house while bour" refers to the present scheme, and whether An explosion also occurred shortly after the I was there. He was at the engine room skyit is intended that this sum should be recouped from the new tax.—I have the honour to be, Sir,

Governor Sir G. William Des Voeux, K.C.M.G.

Subsequent correspondence with His Excel-

THE WRECK OF THE PABLO."

CAPTAIN REED'S STATEMENT. Left Yokohama, bound for Hongkong, 13th

The Colonial Treasurer -This is abso- in the neighbourhood of Hongkong to serve as the weather becoming bad the heavy and con-Intely the first word on the subject which has been a guide to yessels approaching from the South. | stant rain shutting the light in entirely, gave You inform me that the Government of the up the intention of going through Van Dieany general dissatisfaction, it is very curious Colony, in accordance with the unanimous man's Strait, and kept the ship away on a S. by opinion of the Maritime Experts who have W. course, intending to take one of the lower seen any reasonable suggestion on the subject, been consulted on the point, has come passages by daylight the next day. Sanday, but I have got a plan ready for keeping the to the conclusion that the only pro- April 15th, wind south, a moderate gale, weather office open for the ordinary posting of letters per position for the Light is the Gap thick with rain, unable to see anything beyond Rock, and that the display of a Light on any a mile from the ship; 3.30 p.m., the ship them Hon. P. RYKIE-My idea does not go be- other of the sites which have been suggested on a W. by S. course, it shut in so thick, that, would be worse than useless as calculated to thinking it unsafe to run any longer, hove the ship to, heading south, with engines going dead Under these circumstances Your Excellency slow; 6 p.m. wind shifted to N.W. with tor- for over four years, and apart from his ill-luck, I do not know how her helm was. I could not see them has ever been produced, and I have never and in so perfunctory a manner that they had has requested me to lay before the Chinese Go- rents of rain and vivid lightning, but the should like to ask the members of the mercantile vernment three alternative proposals for the weather did not clear, rain throughout the night, erection and maintenance of a Lighthouse on ship held on the same position as the previous Hon, J. Bell-Invinc-I think six o'clock the "Gap" Rock, and you state that in order evening. Monday, April 16th, 5.30 a.m sky to facilitate the commencement of the work at breaking, made Yoko Sima, bearing west twenty Hon. P. Ryrie-Sevon o'clock would just an early date, you had submitted the decision of miles; went ahead full speed, and had it bearing I might be informed by telegraph and so enabled land, weather becoming thick with rain; The COLONIAL TEASURER-We must make to lay the matter before the Chinese Authorities noon, ship's position by dead reckoning. Lat. 28 deg. 32min. N., Long. 128 deg 5min. E. Course Your Despatch reached me at the commence- S. 67 deg. W. Magnetic. Tuesday, April 17th ment of the Chinese New Year, when little or throughout the twenty-four hours light variable The CHAIRMAN-You will have them in re- no official business is transacted; but with a view | winds from N. and E., with thick rainy weather to expedite as far as possible a settlement of the and a heavy N. N.W. swell. Noon, ship's position, The Colonial Treasurer-These four men question, I placed myself is communication with by dead reckning, 26 deg. 39min. N., Long, 122 whom I ask for-really I shall only get throe, Sir Robert Hart, the Inspector-General of Mar- deg. 59min E. Dist. 292 miles; course S. 67 deg. because one has been working for two years for itime Customs who is charged with the Super- W. magnetic. Rain throughout the afternoon, nothing-one will be on duty from seven till intendence of the Chinese Lighthouse Depart- and by 8 p.m. shutting in thick fog. 11 p.m. twelve, another from ten till three, and another ment, and with his usual courtesy he at once pro- judging the ship forty-four miles from Turnmised to give your proposals his best attention, about Island, bearing W. 1 S., commenced stances, so they will be spread over the whole day. so that ut the expiration of the New Year's holi- sounding, found 36 fath. mud, the chart showing Hon. P. RYRIE. What nationality are they days he might be in a position to discuss the 41 fath, in that position, concluded the ship had proposals of the Hongkong Government with overrun the distance, allowed a few miles. Mid-The Colonial Treasurer-They may be the Ministers of the Tsungli. Yamen, but he did night sounded in 36 fath. mud; which corresnot disguise from me his fears that it would be ponded with soundings on the chart and ship's almost useless to expect a reply from the Chinese assumed position. 1 a.m. sounded, 31 fath. mud The CHAIRMAN-They will be selected by Government in time to permit of the work being considering the ship near enough in with the commenced by the second or third week in land, altered course to S. 45deg. W. Mag. March, the date mentioned by Your Excellency, Formosa channel course; 2 a.m. sounded 26 fath as in all probability it would be necessary to mud, and at 3 a.m. again 26 fath. mud, which consult the Vicercy of Canton, within whose corresponding with soundings on chart on the regular channel course, about 12 miles off Turna-On the 3rd instant I received a Telegram bout, led to the firm belief that the ship was from the Secretary of State telling me that running down channel on a safe course, having Your Excellency's proposals had been approved, passed Turnabout Island. The weather very and Sir Robert Hart lost no time in placing thick, with fog, wind light N.E.; 16 minutes after the last soundings, the ship struck on a sun-He himself appears to be in favour of the first ken rock and remained fast, though the engines Office. I should just like to say while I am ou suggestion, which I gather from your despatch | were reversed full speedastern immediately. Stopthis point that only yesterday the Indian Com- is the one which on the whole the Colonial Go. ped engine and sounded around the ship, findmunity thought they had a grievance on postal vernment would also prefer, namely, the erection ing deep water everywhere, excepting from the matters. They wrote me on the subject and and maintenance of the Lighthouse by the Go stem to the foremast, where there was 21 fath.

in forepeak and No. 1 hold. At 9 am., low making from 84 to 9 knots. I was at the tube water, log cleuring away, accortained ship's posi- on the lower bridge ready to communicate with tion 10 miles North from Turnsbout and not far the men at the wheel. I could not see the wheel from Kwing Island, which bore about N by E.; from where I was standing. After we got into there was 22 inches of water then in the forehold. | the Channel I gave orders to starboard, but the Cut through store-room floor into forepeak and Chinese quartermaster put the steamer to the endsavoured to stop the leak by packing flour port side. We could easily distinguish land at sucks into the hole; succeeded partly, but was the time on both sides. As we were closer to compelled to stop by the rising tide; 11 a.m. the Hongkong shore than I wished, I gave signalled steamer Pechili, going North, to stop | the order to starboard. At the wheel my order and during the afternoon transferred to her "starboard" was repeated, but the helm was passengers, mails, and treasure. Found at high put to port. I saw this by the tell-tale. water that No. 1 as well as No. 2 hold was full repeated my order "starboard" the second of water, eyen with height outside the ship, and time. I was again answered from the wheel, as there was water coming into the coal-bunker but they continued to put the helm the abaft the second water tight bulkhead, shored wrong way. I then ordered the second officer that up with heavy planks to prevent the water to go to the wheel and take it himself. At this carrying it away and flooding the boiler-room. time the ship was lying neross the Channel. About During the night the wind freshened from 11 min. from the time I gave the order to starthis Government for the trouble you are taking N.E., with a rising sea, the ship working hard board I put the telegraph to stop, and gave the on the rock towards high water and heeling over | order "full speed astern" and to let go the anat an angle of 30 deg. exciting strong fears of her schor. The order was obeyed immediately. When capsizing, as the rock she was lying on shelved | the second officer got to the wholl he found that very suddonly into deep water on the port side. it was amidships. When we were anchored and After consultation with the officers came to the grounded I immediately got a beat lowered conclusion that there was no chance to save ship | and sounded the depth both fore and aft. I found or cargo, and as the falling of the musts or the that the ship was making water forward of capsizing of the ship would destroy the boats, the collision bulkhead and a little in the foredecided to abandon her after high water. At 7 hold, and immediately got the pumps to work a.m., April 19th, called craw to the boats, pro- The Chinese quartermasters who had been them, and 8 s.m. left the ship. The piratical de- officer, and we noticed that the breath of monstration of the hundreds of coast inhabit- smelt very strongly of opinm, and that ants who had surrounded the ship the previous appeared to be in a half dazed, condition. arrived safely during the forenoon and received afternoon we floated off without assistance.

> Nelson, bound to Shanghai, who received and been steering very well entertained officers and crew hospitably and landed them safely at Shanghai.

FURTHER PARTICULARS. Captain Reed the commander of the San Pablo, arrived here on Tuesday afternoon, the lat instant, by the steamer Ningpo, and was interviewed by our representative. who gleaned from him a few further parti-

advisable to heave to for some consider board by the second officer; there had not been able time. On getting a start again the time. I think that the quartermasters had been weather still continued thick, and the smoking opium not muny minutes before they On the 17th April, about 11 p.m., a dense light when the ship was ashore. fog then prevailing, Captain Reed himself took | By Commander Buckner-When we got into found, however, that his soundings correspond. By Captain Preston-The quartermasters uned exactly with those on the chart for the proper | derstand English sufficiently to carry out orders. course, and consequently not having the slightest | The man on the starboard wheel did not underidea of any danger, was greatly surprised when stoud much of his work. He was steering at to an unknown current. That this was so is pre- | who was on the port side of the wheel is an old gate Brooklyn, which was proceeding north wards, | years. The wheel is not double. It is not at experienced the same current. The Brooklyn all hard to work, and is very steady. was, however, going up along the coasts and peraccident, while Captain Reed, who was coming | There is no telegraph on the lower bridge. with water any who attempted to board the un- Sulphur Channel she had port way on. sirous of chartering the steamer and putting the the order "hard a starboard." This had Str.—I have the honour to acknowledge the far from being fully laden. The Captain of the I then ran off to the wheel-house and gave receipt of your despatch No. 12 of the 16th of Pechili, however, deemed it prudent not to come about six turns of the wheel to starboard. When January last, regarding the erection of a light- within a mile of the San Pable, but agreed to I got to the wheel-house I found the helm amidgram of the 23rd instant assenting to this pro- and all arrived safely. Then came the most dif- anchor. This order was immediately obeyed. osal, and the foreign office authorities have been ficult part of the work, the transhipment of the The engines were also reversed to full speed requested to send a similar telegram to Sir John specie, surrounded as the San Poblo was by hosts stern. I could not see the wheel from where I 3.—With regard to the suggested tax on the ed with zifles, which would carry 1,000 yards with was put when the order was given to starboard; shipping of the port to cover the expense con- precision, at the gangways, and having put four It takes about 14 turns to put the helm hard nected with the erection of this light, I observe armed men on the first boat, sent her away. The about. It has multiplying genr. From the from your despatch under acknowledgment, that natives, seeing these precautions taken, had the number of turns I had time to give it, it must it is estimated that an addition to the tonnage good sense not to interfere with the boat, and have been put hard a starboard. I did this daes of 11 cent per ton for two years, or 1 boat after boat, protected in the same way, was before the ship strack, and just after the engines cent per ten for three years will more than then sent to the Peckill and the transfer of had been reversed and the anchor dropped. realize the whole of the \$90,000 required, where specie safely accomplished. The Pechili than By Commander Rumsey-When the order as in Mr. Marsh's despatch No. 369 of the 25th left. The captain and orew remained on board "starboard" was given the men at the wheel anof November, 1886, it is estimated that a tax of the ill-fated steamer till about 8 a.m. the next swered "starboard." When I got to the wheel-

glad if you could inform me on what grounds made for Turnabout Island, which was reached way. I told them to put it hard a starboard. vessel took fire, in which from what sould be light, a few feet from the wheel house. for two days, the Menelaus was sighted, and be- had also come on duty at midnight.

> for him since his disaster, amongst those who four quartermasters on board. They keep watch I pointed out to Mr. French the illegality of British subjects are one and all absolutely and knew him, a large number of true sympathisers. and watch.

THE STRANDING OF THE BRITISH STEAMER "ASHINGTON."

MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY. A Marine Court of Enquiry into the circumon the 21st inst., was held at the Harbour Office, the wheel. Hongkopg, on the 1st inst. There were present forming the Court-Commander R. M. Rumsey, R.N. Acting Stipendiary Magistrate: Staff Commander J. A. G. Buckner, R.N., Commander, H.M.S. Victor Emanuel: and Master Mariners Charles F. Preston, British steamer Lombardy,

Walter Reynell said-I am master of the British steamer Ashinaton, holding master's April with a full cargo of rice for Hongkong. | at 12 o'clock. Our draft aft was 18.3, and 16.4 forward. We had fine weather from the time we left Sairon till we reached the Gap, at about 8.30 p.m., on following finding was returned:the 20th April. It was rather misty at the We find that the British steamer Ashington, time. Shortly afterwards we sighted D'Aguillar ight. We sighted Green Island light between I and 11:30 the same evening. The light was at that time 6 or 7 miles from us. I could disinguish Sulphur Channel before we got up to it. Everything went well till we got up into the channel, at about five minutes past midnight. The tide at the time was about I ebb running. From the evidence before us we are of opinion strongly to southward. A course was then shaped southward. The chief officer was on the

compartments and found the ship making water speed, but we were at the time going at 1 sprend

visioned them and stowed crew's baggage into the wheel were brought to me by the second day and who had been kept at bay only by fire | sout rockets up from the ship, and some lighters arms and the ship's fire-pumps while disom- were sent to us. When the lighters came to us barking the passengers and treasure, compolled | we immediately began to discharge cargo onto the boats to seek shelter and safety at Turn- the fore hatch. We discharged about 1,000 about Island, where they all (7 in number) bags of cargo in this way. At high water that a hospitable welcome by Mr. Shields, the keeper consider that the accident was entirely attriof the lighthouse. As soon as the last boat had | butable to the quartermasters' putting the helm left the ship, the Chinese swarmed on board, and the wrong way. My crew consisted of 5 sailers, by night she was a mass of flames fore and aft, 4 quartermasters, 12 firemen, and a boatswain, and in the morning as seen from the Island, was all Chinese, myself, two officers and 3 engineers, dismasted and little remained of her above Europeans. On several occasions I have had water. The weather keeping very thick during trouble with Chinese quartermasters at the the stay of two days on the Island the steamer their putting the helm the wrong way. Up to first signalled was taken at 10 a.m. on the 21st of April; that proved to be the Mensiaus, Capt. 12 p.m. the quartermasters at the wheel had

. Captain Rums Would it not have been wise, knowing that the Chinese quartermasters were not to be trusted, to have an officer at the

. Witness-An officer is generally stationed there, but he was on the bridge at the time of

By Captain Runsey-I am sure in my own mind that the quartermasters were the worse for oulars regarding the wreck, which have not yet liquor. After the ship grounded neither of the been published. It appears that after leaving steersmen did anything at all. When I ran to Yokobama, the San Publo experienced thick | the wheel-house immediately after giving the weather the whole time, so much so that after order to let go the anchor, I found the helm still leaving the Japan Islands, it was deemed a little to port. It had not been put to starprecuntions were therefore taken. came on watch. I could just see the Green Island

harge of the lead and sounded continually. He | the channel the current was running year strong. he struck. The accident was without doubt due the time of the casualty. The quartermaster ved beyond doubt from the fact that the U.S. fri- sailor and has been a quartermaster for many

By Captain Jackson-The ship got no starseived the current in time, to prevent any board holm at all before she struck the ground. in from sea was of course unable to notice the John Carinan said-I am second efficer same. The ship struck about 3 a.m. on the 18th of the steamer Ashington. I hold a master's April, and as soon as day dawned, was surrounded | certificate. I was on the lower bridge the by pirates and wreckers. These were, however, night the ship went ashere. I was standing kept at bay by fixing the hoses and deluging by the captain. When the ship was in the fortunate steamer. The first care of Captain captain gave orders to starboard and then re-Reed was of course for his passengers, all Chi- peated his order. We were going at about ' nese, and he wished to put them in boats and knots at the time. I myself insticed the ship land them on Turnabout Island. They, however, coming round on the port helm. I do not think prevailed upon him not to do so, assuring him that the tide on the port how would have taken that if he carried out his intention, they would her round. I think it was the steering which be stripped of everything-by the natives who put the ship to port. I could not swear that she swarmed round the ship. About mid-day the was under port helm at the time. When the Pechilicamo insight, and having been signalled by captain gave the order to starboard, the ship the San Pablo, hove to. Captain Reed was de- came round to starboard, and then he gave greater part of his cargo on board her as she was effect, as the ship was still coming to starboard. passengers were therefore first sent on board, whool-house the captain gave orders to let go the of natives. Captain Reed stationed four menarm, was on the bridge. I cannot say how the helm

cent per ton would only realize \$15,000 per day, when seeing all hope of saving the vessel house the helmsmen were standing one each side annum or \$45,000 in three years, and I should be or eargo was useless, they took to the boats and of the wheel. They were not moving it either

learnt from the native fishermen, a number of By Captain Preston-I came on watch at

and conveyed them to Shanghai. Captain Reed on the lower bridge. When I saw the ship's

throughout, every man, Chinese as well as Euro- | the captain's orders, but I am not sure: John Jenkins said-I am chief officer of the pean, doing his duty steadily, fearlessly, and thoroughly throughout the trying time they steamer Ashington. I hold a chief mate's certificate issued in Hongkong in August, 1836. Captain Reed, in giving us the above parti. On the night the ship went ashore in the Sul- hearing of the case, which was ordered. culars, of course was at a disadvantage, imasmuch | phur Channel 1 was on the forecastle head. I ed that he behaved throughout the disaster in a was running in the Sulphur Channel I heard advocate already mentioned. manuer above all praise. Captain Reed is well the captain on the bridge sing out "star. On my addressing the Court the Judge (Mr. E. been reported mentally unfit for duty, and have known in this colony, and there are here board." I then noticed that her head was not II. French informed me that I could not be por- been placed in responsible posts where serious doubtless not a few who have hitherto sailed obeying the order. Before the order was given mitted to appear. He read an "order" which damage has been done to English interests by with him, and all who are acquainted her course had been a correct one. I heard the he stated to have been made by Mr. Gould, the their presence. On the other hand, energy is with him are well assured of the fact order "starboard" given a second time. I Consul. It was to the effect that Mr. Gould only too certain to bring down on the head of that if cautiousness and expert navigation could beard the belmsmen say something, but could not allow me to appear "as attorney" for the devoted Consul who strives to do his duty have saved the San Pablo she would not have distinguish the answer. I did not hear them any person, and it gave certain reasons why Mr. according to his conscience, if not direct reproof, been a wreck to-day. As soon as he arrived say "sturboard." The ship's head was coming to Gould had arrived at this decision. yesterday Captain Reed was called upon by starboard the whole time. I got the order to With regard to these reasons I may say I am the United States Consul at Chinkians were numerous acquaintances, all of whom have ex- let go the anchor after this, which I immediately perfectly ready at any time to prove their falsity sufficient to clear away a mass of obstruction pressed the greatest sympathy with him in his did. I paid out and checked the chain on 30 and irrelevance, but this is at present nothing which had been gathering in the Taotais misfortune. Captain Reed has been in com- futhoms. A few seconds after I anchored, the to the point, as the reasons have never been pub. Yamen, and a few words of energetic expestulamand of steamers for the past twenty seven ship dragged her chain and grounded. The an- liely alleged, and I had no sort of opportunity of tion from the English Consul would doubtless years, during which time he has never lost a ohor must have checked her head. I did not go defending myself against the imputations made have a similar effect in his case. Unfortunately vessel. He has had command of the San Pablo into the wheel-house after the ship was ashore. in them. Not a particle of evidence in support of the words do not come, or are so feebly uttered. the personal interest and affection which it is the wheel from the forcecastle head. There are been summoned to appear, or to show cause almost better be left unsaid. well known he had for the steamer, have created generally two men in the wheel-house. We have against them.

watch. The second officer was to have relieved professional men having equal or inferior rights | ing the last twelve years we cannot point to one me at 12 c'clock. The captain relieved me on the of audience were admitted. I told him that I bridge at 11.50; and I then went on the forecastle. must insist upon my right as an English bar- opposed to the so-called "parents of the people" I heard no order to port before I left the bridge. rister, and that if he was determined to deprive \_\_the Mandarius. They have in every ins succ By Captain Preston—It is customary to have me thereof he must do so by force. He then er gained their point at the expense of B itish all bands on deck coming into port. There are dered me to be forcibly removed from the Court; stances connected with the grounding of the no regular men to take a ship in and out of port. and I was removed protesting against the illegal energy at Chinkiang or at Peking, the public British steamer Ashington, of South Shields. The helmsmen take the duty as their watches are assault.

the steamer Ashington. I was at the star- give me in time adequate rodress for the injury board side of the helm when she went ashore. so done. In the meanwhile I can only publicly When the captain ordered us "starboard" I put protest against ithe outrage committed against the helmstarboard. Igaveit five turns like this my profession, the members of which, if such and William H. Jackson, British steamer did, which proved that instead of putting his be reduced to holding their rights and their livehelm to starboard he put it to port. Lan Ki said-I am a quartermaster on board whom they happen to plead. the steamer Ashington. On the night of the

Certificate No. 19 of Hongkong. I produce my | vessel's grounding I was at the port side of the certificate, dated 24th January, 1884. I left wheel. I beard the captain's order to sturboard, Saigon in command of the steamer on the 16th | and put the wheel to starboard. I went on deck This concluded the evidence.

After about half an hour's consideration, the official number -, of which Walter Reynell is master, whose certificate of competency is-No. 19, lesqued at Hongkong, and which, on

on the chart Sulphur Channel. board, as had been ordered by the master.

That, with the exception of the master and in the Treaty of Tiontsin referring to the pur offloors, the crew of the ship consisted of Chi- chase and occupation of land. The Treaty ex-

carried out; also that it would have been betthe wheel to be made just as the ship was entering a narrow channel. The master's cortificate is therefore returned

Given under our hands, &c.

SERIOUS FIRE IN WING LOR STREET, HONGKONG.

At about a quarter to 9 p.m. on the 24th nlt. fire broke out in a mat store, No. 186, in Wing these are situated outside the immediate Lok-street. The occupier of the promises at the suburbs. Even where ground lies within a time of the fire was Qwong Fat. It is not hundred yards of the Concession there are yet definitely knewn how or on what floor the fire always difficulties put in the way of issuing started. The mats, which were stored very thick foreign deeds, and frequent delays of from six in the building, were consumed in a very few mi- months to two years take place in the simplest. nutes, and when the brigades reached the spot the transfer. It is needless to say all these obflames had got the upper hand, and despite all stacles arise with the native officials-i.e., the the efforts of the firemen they were powerloss to Taotai and Magistrate; whether acting under save the place. Yu Lan Hing's ten store, superior orders it is impossible to say. The next door to the scene of the starting of the following cases in point can be cited :conflagration, next caught, and the blaze was 1 .- A British subject resident at Chinking quickly in the middle of the tea boxes arranged with some villagers about two years which were stacked on the first and second ago to lease him in perpetuity a piece of ground

floors. At nine o'clock the following brigades on the hills, six miles from the Concession. All and reeds were on the scene:-No. 1, 3, 4, and 5 preliminaries were drawn up, and owner and steamors from the Central Fire Brigade villagers were perfectly agreeable to the sale, the Insurance Fire Brigade's steamer, the the price of the land was doly paid, and a deed Nam Pak Hong manual, the No. 6 Government of sale in Chinese executed, the soller and cer-No. I Floating Engine. There was fortunately applying to the authorities for a foreign title-On the one side of Kwong Fai's mat bag store, unfortunate owner was soized and hurried into rice store, No. 188, which was caught a little men who could be found (most of them had throughout of substantial brick work, was burnt were also taken to juil. The foreigner portested fixed on the Wing Lok Street buildings alloged that the foreigner, not having previously

three or four times in great danger, and it of a certain payment (which was little more than was only with a deal of difficulty that the confla- half of what had been laid out on the ground). gration was confined to the top storey, although It was later ascertained that some influential everything of value on the lower floors was Chinese gentry had their family graves in the spoilt completely by the heavy showers of neighbourhood, the nearest being some half-asalt water. No. 44, a rice store kept by mile distant, and that their fong-shui was being Wing Lab, then caught fire, and the top floor interfered with. These gentry, by threats of of the building was soon a mass of flame, not an appeal to the Emperor, etc., undoubtedly withstanding the efforts of the Brigades. The overawed the Taotsi and forced him to act, per first floor of this building was, however, saved, haps against his better judgment. Since the

men, who mounted the walls and kept up an in- runners have been making periodical raids on cessant stream from several hoses. These latter | the adjacent village, and the people are in a desat a little after 10 o'clock had managed to heat perate state, simply because they had the prothe flames under, and, although streams were | sumption to se'l what belonged to them. also kept on the burning stores in Wing Lak | 2-Another British subject there bought Street, it was known that nothing on that some two years ago from a Buchihist priest a

more or less by the flames :- Qwong Fut's been issued for the ground. At about this time mat bag store, 186, Wing Lok Street (des- a proclamation was issued by the Chinking Matroyed); No. 188, a rice store, Wing Lok gistrate, warning the people in express terms store, No. 184. Wing Lok Street (destroyed). | jon). This notice has been cut on stone and On the Praya West: - Wing Lat's rice store, placed near the bangalow where to our shame . No. 43 (burnt out); No. 44, (top floor gutted and | be it said, it still remains without any protest lower floors injured by water); No.42 (top floor from our authorities who ought to have insisted gutted, and goods on ground floor rendered use- on its instant removal. less by water and smoke). The whole of the

CORRESPONDENCE.

expressed by our Correspondents. BARRISTER'S RIGHT OF AUDIENCE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS." ask you to be kind enough to mention the grievons insult which has just been offered to one of they have been perfectly friendly and willing to

its representatives here. as an English legal practitioner. I hold my di- ill-will in punishing the poor people, whose only ploma from the Middle Temple authorising me offence is trying to get a few dollars to relieve diploma as backetier-on-droit of Paris. I have disabilities, is the success attending the purchase practiced for over twelve years at the Chancery of land by United States citizens at Chinkiang in safety. While on Turanb ut they noticed that They understood me, and I helped them to put Bar in London. I have never been disbarred or no less than three commanding hill sites, close committed for contempt of any Court nor center to the Concession, were bought and built upon sured by any Court. Until I arrived here I by Americans, and as fur as we can ascertain, Judge or Magistrate.

in the Consular Court here on the ground that bungalow; although the people are willing to "as I was the only English barrister in this have them put in order-nay, these people have those surrounding the ship met with a well- midnight, just as the ship was entering the place it would not be fair to the party against on more than one occasion asked foreigners to merifed fate. After being on Turnahout Island channel. The quartermasters at the wheel whom I appeared." But quite lately an "do a good deed" (tso han shih) and level the "advecate" from India has arrived here and rough paths in the country. Near Chinkiang, ing signalled, took on board the captain and crew By Captain Jackson-There is an indicator he has been from the first allowed all rights of however, they are allowed to keep the paths in audience. The same rights have also been accord- order-this is winked at by the authorities. has nothing but the highest praise for the head going to port the captain was looking at it. ed to an "attorney" from the United States. While we cannot acquit the officers of the manner in which the officers and crew behaved I think that the helmsmen must have disobeyed Upon this I accepted some briefs for clients in Consular service of neglect in these matters, and the Consular Court.

counsel for a man who I conceived had been Chinking, it is well to remember that servility erroneously convicted, and I applied for a re- is encouraged by the regulations of the service. On the 7th instant I atlended the Court for duties, sometimes uppleasant, can be expected in as it did not behave him to speak of his own had been there for about ten minutes. I had the purpose of conducting a case for an accused a service where promotion is accorded by blind conduct, but from outside sources we have learn- been on deck since 8 p.m. When the ship person. The prosecution was conducted by the seniority. It is well known that officers have

the "order," and warned him that it gave him positively under the laws, not of China, nor of By Commander Buckner-I had the first no right to deprive me of a hearing when other | England, but of the local native officials. Dur-

Wong Chu said-I am a quartermaster of ties I cannot yet say. Probably the law will Witness here gave an illustration of what he proceedings were allowed to pass unnotiged, would lihood at the caprice of the Magistrate before I am sir.

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CHINESE OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN LAND PURCHASES.

The Shanghai Mercury says :- The manner in which Chinoso officials are permitted to inof the 20th April, grounded in the West Point | terfere with British subjects is disgraceful; and | money on a first order. The lowest prices were of Hongkong Island, in the channel named British officials ought to be ashamed of them secepted, the result being that the whole plant selves for allowing such encroachments on the costs the Chinese some thirty per cent. less tuan rights of their countrymen. From news we have ordinary rates; but it is probably the last 1 me that the casualty was brought about through lately received from Chinking the British that they will be so successful, for their mode the helm being put to port instead of star- Consul there does not seem to be doing justice, of doing the business has effectually disgusted but he seems to put aside altogether the clauses their friends both here and at home.

ness, and the quartermesters at the belief it pressly stipulates that at the open parts or oil the time of the accident were Chinese. The places ritish subjects shall have the privilege casualty occurred soon after mi hight, and just of purchasing and occupying band, and though after the change of watches had been made! it has been subsequently ruled that "other We are of opinion that no blame attaches to the places," was only intended to imply the neighmaster or officers, though we can ider that it bourhood of the open ports, it was no till lately would have been more prudent had the master, that objections were attempted to be raised to having in view the fact that he had only Chi- the purchase of lets outlying the precise limits ness quartermasters at the wheel, stationed of the foreign settlements. We are all of us only

an officer there to see that his orders were too well acquainted with the stock reasons set out, theold game of "fong-shui" of hos genus omnound ter not to have allowed the change of men at the very convenient appeal to the so-called literate. Here in Shanghai the interference of the officials with land purchases by foreigners is a constant source of trouble and friction. In the ports, for the most part, it is far worse; but in Chinkiang we have reason to believe worst of all. This is what we hear on this subject, and we are in a position from personal knowledge to testify to the truth of the cir.

For the past five or six years it has been rirtually impossible for British subjects to buy or lease lands or houses at Chinkiang, when

manual from the Harbour Office Station, and tain middlemen affixing their names. On no urgent necessity to work the latter machine. deed, this was peremptorily refused, and the which was still blazing furiously inside, was a the Magistrate's prison. Those of the middleafter nine o'clock. The place, although built meanwhile hid themselves to escape cupture) like tinder, and, very shortly after the fire was against this repeatedly, and H.B.M.'s consulnoticed in it, was a blackened wreck. While doubtless did what he could to arrange the the attention of the Bromen had been kept matter, but without avail. The authorities, the flames had shot over the back of Qwong applied to them first for permission to buy the Fat's store and ignited the top floor of No. 48, ground, the sale was illegal, and the Chinese Praya West, the end building of the large owner had broken the laws in selling. The sale three storey block. Here again were piled therefore must be forthwith cancelled. In mat bags, and the fire was sustained in this the mountime this ground had been enclosed, spot for some time very furiously. The flames, planted with shrubs, and a small bungalow put after having played havee on the top floor, were up. After waiting for months without anycarried by falling beams to the first floor, and thing settled (the seller being still in prison); raged there very fiercely until some well direct- the foreigner, finding no other means of released streams of water began to subdue their ing the unfortunate man and rescaing his wife potency. No. 42, which is a store in which and children from poverty, at last agreed to were piled up tea boxes, and mat bags, was hand back the ground to the Chinese-on receipt. thanks to the exertions of several of the Central | cossion of the land (last July) the Magistrate's

side of the fire could be saved. Nearly two plot of hill land near a foreign bungalow on the hours after the fire bell rang, the configuration | Wu-chou-shan hill. The terms were easily arbegan to die out in the stores on the Praya, ranged with the priests and the money paid; no and was very seen got completely under con- sooner was a foreign title-deed asked for than again the offending seller was taken and lodged The following is a list of the stores damaged in jail-where he still remains-and no deed has Street (destroyed); and Yen Lan Hong's fea against selling land to foreign merchants (shan-

3.-A British subject resident at Chinking above were insured for a considerable amount of attempted last year to rent a small portion of a wooded hill, some three miles from the Concession, for a bungalow site. Here again the lessors and villagers were all willing. The result was, however, as might have been expected. Two days after matters had been arranged the would-We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions be seller found-himself-inside the Yamen jail-He was only released on the foreigner at.onco relinquising all claim to the land.

We could quote a fourth case somewhat similar to the above, but think we have stated sufficient to show what our Consuls have to put up with. We can hardly think such humiliation would be submitted to anywhere but at Chin-SIR, On behalf of the legal profession I will king. If the people were the objectors there would not be much to complain of, but it is shown sell, and the cowardly mandarins, knowing they Rather more than two years ago I came here cannot get at the foreigner, work their spite and to practice as a barrister, as well as a French their indigence. In marked contrast to British authorities The authorities went so far as to For a long time I was excluded from speaking oppose the repairing of the Roads near a certain

fully endorse all the information received as to On the 5th instant I appeared in that Court as the superlatively feeble action of the Consul at No inducement for an energetic discharge of been kept in the service long after they have at least cold indifference. A few words from

According to the information we have received. single case where they have held their own when subjects. Whyther it arises from the want of will no doubt form their own opinion. Even the (Captain W, Reynell), in the Sulphur Channel, placed. The men have a stretch of 4 hours at What personal remedy I may have for this measuring of land for purchase is frequently unjustified attack upon my-privileges and liber- deferred for months on the most trivial presents.

> The N. C. Daily News says :- " The Chinese Minister to the Court of St. James has completed his purchase of mining plant for Kwei how at extraordinarily low prices, and the way in which the work was done reflects great cred t on the ingenuity of the Chinese Embassy in Lordon The buyers, who were utterly ignorant of the details of what they required, were introduced by a firm here to their agents in London, a firm of engineers, and these gentlemen made out a complete list of the plant required with the price against every separate article. This list was then taken to the Chinese Embassy, where the prices were read off, and a number of copies made of it. Those copies were sent round to all the manufacturers in Great Britain, who, thinking that their execution of this would be the pre ade to larger orders in the future, tendered at very low rates, at which they were content to lose